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Minden Hills Water Systems Amalgamated

"We are in a real predicament."
 (Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch)

After much gnashing of teeth by everyone involved, last Thursday the Minden Hills Council made one of the most difficult decisions called for during their term of office. Council decided that the only solution to the municipality's water woes was to amalgamate the Lutterworth Pines and Minden water systems. Council members agreed that, while it will fall to the Minden users to bear some of the onus of the extraordinary costs facing the Lutterworth Pines residents, increasing costs for 28 users amounting to as much as 154 percent would be unbearable.

Not only will the two systems be amalgamated, but a phasing in of increased rates for everyone on a municipal system will, for now, increase by at least five percent over 2009 rates. Council also agreed to award the controversial

Minden water tower contract for a staggering \$2.208 million dollars, a million dollars more than initial estimates received in 2008 by the municipality's consulting engineering firm, D. M. Wills Associates.

The Council Chambers was full of residents from both Minden and Lutterworth, many of whom had questions for either Council or staff. The public session took almost three hours and during that time frustration ran high, both on the part of the public and several members of Council.

Presentations were made by the municipality's Environmental and Property Operations Manager Peter Brown and Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard in an effort to give the public an opportunity to gain a better understanding of what had transpired to date and financial plans being proposed to resolve the situation on the long term.

Brown explained operations and maintenance procedures for the water systems in both Lutterworth Pines and Minden along with details surrounding the shortfall for the water tower project. "We have worked hard to get any information possible from the political parties involved but have been advised that there will be no additional funding through

"These are straight forward questions, and you should have been prepared for them." (Abbi Xerri)

infrastructure programs and there is no ability to shift funds between projects."

Although it was small consolation for a public faced with increased costs, Brown also advised that Minden Hills is not the only municipality finding that tendered prices are considerably higher than initial estimates and having to find the money to make their systems work.

Almost immediately, Brown was asked by Fraser Rogers about the reason for the million dollar overrun. Brown commented that their engineering firm had provided the rationale for the overrun

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Emergency Management is a County Priority

By Jerry Grozelle

Haliburton County and its municipal governments are doing their best to be prepared in case of emergency. To that end, municipalities have, for the past several years, conducted training sessions and mock disasters to refine their emergency preparedness plans. This year the county and the four municipalities collaborated with a joint venture.

The mock county-wide disaster scenario took place last Monday in Minden and was based on a severe wind storm causing widespread and severe damage throughout the county. Each municipality had its own set of emergency circumstances to deal with. Through a coordinated network of communications between the various emergency services, and the county, they determined the best avenues to address their individual situations.

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The Future of Our Forests – Are We on a Wooden Path ?

By Peter C. Schleifenbaum

(Article courtesy the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Environment Haliburton)

Haliburton County is covered in forests. Over 70 percent of the landscape we enjoy in cottage country is growing trees in various forms, making it the dominant landscape feature.

We take these forests for granted since they seem to change little over time. But forests can be likened to long-lived organisms: they live, age, suffer and die. So what is in store for our forests in a world of projected dramatic, environmental change? In order to look into the future, it may be helpful to look into our forests past.

Only a century ago our ancestors tried to wrestle farms away from virgin forests all over Central Ontario. Thousands of acres were not only cleared, but stumped and ploughed. What was not cleared for agriculture was stripped of its trees to fuel sawmills and fires all over North America. The bark of hemlock and oak was shipped to leather tanneries, cedar was split into shingles, ironwood was shaped into handles or wheel-spokes and the larger maples remaining were drilled for maple syrup. It was the last of what some historians refer to as the "wooden age".

Today we are no longer aware of the historically extensive use of wood and how this played out in our landscape. Old images of Haliburton sceneries depict hillsides deprived of their forest cover on a large scale. The same locations today are clad in dense forests, only revealing to the trained eye the history of mayhem and destruction. The lesson learned is that forests are resilient. If left to their own devices, forests will reclaim territory lost to axe and saw. However, this will take time. In Haliburton, mature forests are one hundred years old and older. But there is also a second lesson our forefathers learned when they started clearing America's forests: what appeared like an inexhaustible resource was exhausted within decades. Forests can be overused and destroyed, causing long-term damage, lasting for generations.

Human societies all over the world have been faced at one time or another with the problem of overuse of forests and found the answer in sound, sustainable forest management. Today we have a much better understanding of forest ecology or the mechanisms of the workings of a forest: how it establishes itself, how it grows utilising light, water and nutrients available, how it reacts to change, what insects it is exposed to and how and why trees, the building blocks of forests, die.

Applying our knowledge of forests to good forest management practices allows us to have the cake and eat

it too! In fact forests are the only resource on this planet, which, if harvested sustainably, can be used in perpetuity. This can not be said of oil (plastic), metal or stone, the other three commodities humans tend to use in quantity.

Everything being equal, the future of forests is bright. According to the UN's Agricultural Organisation the global demand for wood is expected to increase by at least 2 percent annually. This will ensure that our forest products will always have a global market, especially if they are of higher quality. Of course markets are subject to change and



we are presently experiencing one of the most dramatic market changes for wood products ever experienced, caused by a globalization of the forest products trade.

However, there is a second trend appearing on the horizon, which may change the way in which we see our forests in the future. Humans have two basic needs above all: the need for food and the need for shelter and warmth. While it can be argued that we can produce enough food to feed humankind, we are struggling to meet our energy demands on which our civilization is now so dependent. Early humans used wood almost exclusively for millennia to keep warm, heat food and illuminate space. Only the discovery of coal and later oil, a century or two ago, facilitated the industrial revolution and made the use of wood for energy look ancient and pre-industrial.

This view may now change. Forests are huge power plants, employing a process referred to as photosynthesis to capture the sun's energy. The tree's leaves utilise sunlight and convert its energy into storable forms such as sugars and starches and in the end into what we refer to as wood. This is predominantly carbon. Wood can be used to make products as diverse as lumber, chemicals or paper. But the

same fibres still contain a lot of the energy that went into creating them. In fact one cubic meter of wood contains the energy equivalent of app. 250 litres of oil. Translating this number into the lingo of Arabian sheiks, and assuming conservatively, that Haliburton County's 250,000 hectares of forests produce two cubic meters of wood annually, our forests produce sustainably and in perpetuity the energy equivalent of 125,000,000

litres or just less than 1 million barrels of oil per year. While this view of our forests may appear utilitarian and foreign to us, it is already reality in some places. Sweden for example, blessed with a wealth of forests like Canada has adopted a policy of being completely independent of fossil fuels by 2020 and meeting its energy demands at that point completely with hydro power and wood energy. The latter will be used for heat and bio-fuels. Already today wood is a very inexpensive alternative to heating with oil or gas in Haliburton.

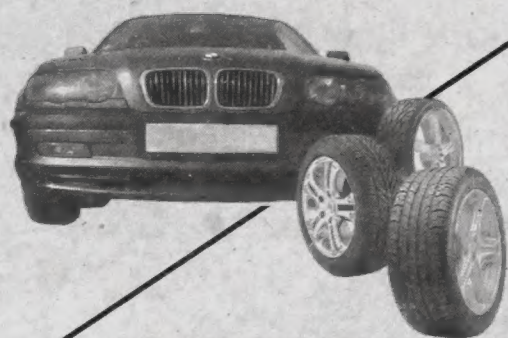
But there is a flipside to the wood-energy coin. Where it is not financially lucrative today to remove all fibre from the forest, its energy value may prompt the removal of too much fibre, especially the fine branches, bark and leaves, from the forest in the future. These parts of a tree contain most of its nutrients and are essential for the nutrient cycle in a forest. Some resource managers even fear that we will see the return to the overuse of forests our ancestors experienced until the early part of the last century.

The energy discussion surrounding forests can also have a very positive aspect. As we take forests for granted today, their increased financial value and our increased reliance on them may likewise increase our interest and thereby care of our forests. This is especially needed facing the environmental changes forecast for the coming decades. At the present pace of global warming, climatic conditions in Haliburton in 2100 are expected to equal those of Washington DC or the Carolinas today. This means that within one century our forests will be exposed to more heat, less water, no winter and more insects. While a century may seem a long time, it only represents one tree generation - very little time to adjust to these dramatic changes. The management of our forests must take these changes into account and become proactive. Scientists have calculated that forests ranges can migrate up to 200 meters per year. Present rates of climate change may require a multiple of this movement in order to keep up with the expected warming trend pushing north across Ontario. Only with our help and proactive silviculture can forest ecosystems in Central Ontario survive this extraordinary dynamic. Added to the change in climate will be increased natural disasters such as storms, floods and drought induced fires as well as the arrival of a multitude of new forest pests and insects. The most common of our tree species such as maple or beech may be extinct or only found in the Hudson Bay lowlands, replaced in Haliburton by southern pines, walnut or the tulip tree.

The picture scientists' paint for the long-term health of our forests for the future is not a pretty one. There is no question, that over the coming decades, all of the changes laid out above will play out in one form or another. In the end, how soon or how dramatic they will occur is still dependent on the insights and behaviours of humankind. The future of our forests lies in our hands! ■



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Robin Hood (P.G.) - Russell Crowe	7:30	6:30 & 9:30	
Iron Man 2 (P.G.) - Robert Downey JR	7:45	6:45 & 9:20	
Clash of the Titans (14A) - Sam Worthington	7:00	7:30 & 9:45	
How to Train Your Dragon (P.G.)		5:20 Matinee	

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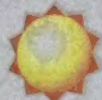
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THURSDAY



Partly sunny and seasonable
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FRIDAY



Mostly sunny and pleasant
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SATURDAY



Increasing clouds with showers late
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SUNDAY



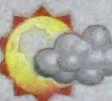
Cloudy with showers
▲ 18° ▼ 7°

MONDAY



A morning shower, then partly sunny
▲ 16° ▼ 7°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy and milder
▲ 21° ▼ 11°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy and mild
▲ 24° ▼ 13°

AROUND THE REGION: More clouds than sun will be seen today, especially in the morning. Highs will be near 20. Skies will become clear tonight with lows near 6. Plenty of sunshine will be seen on Friday as highs will be near 20 once again. Showers will be possible this weekend late Saturday into Sunday. Highs will be in the upper teens.

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TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otik	Friday Hi/Lo/Otik	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otik	City	Today Hi/Lo/Otik	Friday Hi/Lo/Otik	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otik
Acapulco	31/24/su	31/24/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	31/26/ts	31/26/ts	32/27/su
Antigua	32/25/ts	31/25/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	31/25/pc	31/24/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	32/26/pc	32/26/ts	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	33/26/ts	32/25/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	23/21/ts	24/20/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	31/22/su	31/21/su	31/22/su
Cancun	30/24/ts	31/26/ts	31/25/ts	St Thomas	31/26/ts	31/26/cl	30/26/ra
Curacao	33/27/ts	34/27/ts	32/28/ts	St Maarten	31/26/ts	31/26/pc	30/26/ts
Freeport	29/23/pc	29/23/pc	30/25/su	San Jose, CR	28/22/ts	29/22/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/25/ts	31/25/ts	30/23/ts	San Juan	32/26/ts	31/26/cl	32/25/ra
Havana	30/22/ts	31/23/ts	32/24/su	San Salvador	31/22/ts	32/23/ts	32/22/su
Key West	30/24/pc	30/24/pc	31/25/pc	Santo Domingo	33/23/ts	32/22/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	32/26/ts	31/26/ts	33/32/su	Trinidad	33/26/ts	34/26/ts	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otik	Friday Hi/Lo/Otik	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otik	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otik	Monday Hi/Lo/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otik
Bancroft	21/6/pc	21/4/su	19/8/sh	18/7/sh	16/7/pc	21/10/pc	24/13/pc
Barrie	21/7/pc	21/5/su	19/8/sh	19/7/sh	16/7/sh	22/11/pc	24/1/pc
Dorset	21/6/pc	21/4/su	19/7/sh	18/6/sh	16/7/sh	21/10/pc	24/12/pc
Haliburton	21/6/pc	21/4/su	19/8/sh	18/7/sh	16/7/sh	21/10/pc	24/13/pc
Huntsville	21/6/pc	21/4/su	19/7/sh	18/6/sh	16/7/sh	21/10/pc	24/12/pc
Kingston	22/7/pc	22/5/su	21/9/sh	19/7/sh	17/8/sh	22/11/pc	25/14/pc
Lindsay	21/7/pc	21/5/su	19/8/sh	19/7/sh	16/7/sh	22/11/pc	24/13/pc
Minden	21/6/pc	21/4/su	19/8/sh	18/7/sh	16/7/sh	21/10/pc	24/13/pc
Oshawa	22/7/pc	22/5/su	21/9/sh	19/8/sh	17/9/sh	23/12/pc	26/14/pc
Ottawa	20/7/cl	20/4/pc	18/8/pc	17/7/sh	17/7/pc	21/9/pc	24/13/pc
Toronto	22/7/pc	22/6/su	21/9/sh	19/8/sh	17/9/sh	23/12/pc	26/15/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otik	Friday Hi/Lo/Otik	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otik	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otik	Monday Hi/Lo/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otik
Calgary	21/5/sh	20/4/cl	10/10/sh	20/8/sh	18/6/sh	18/6/sh	16/4/sh
Edmonton	18/7/sh	17/2/cl	21/9/ts	18/6/sh	14/3/sh	12/2/sh	13/2/cl
Fredericton	23/7/cl	18/3/su	16/4/pc	14/3/sh	17/6/pc	18/7/pc	18/8/cl
Halifax	21/8/pc	17/5/su	14/3/pc	13/3/sh	14/3/pc	15/4/pc	16/6/cl
Montreal	20/7/cl	19/4/pc	17/8/pc	16/6/sh	17/8/pc	20/9/pc	23/13/pc
Regina	26/13/sh	20/4/sh	27/10/ts	24/9/pc	19/7/cl	18/6/sh	14/3/sh
St. John's	15/7/sh	7/1/pc	6/0/cl	7/1/sh	7/1/cl	7/1/pc	6/1/cl
Saskatoon	24/11/sh	20/5/pc	26/11/ts	21/7/sh	16/5/sh	14/4/sh	13/3/sh
Vancouver	11/7/ra	12/8/sh	12/8/sh	11/6/sh	12/7/sh	12/8/cl	12/7/sh
Whitehorse	19/6/cl	20/7/cl	11/-/pc	11/-/pc	11/-/pc	13/0/cl	16/3/cl
Winnipeg	26/10/su	24/9/pc	24/9/pc	24/7/ts	21/6/ts	22/8/sh	23/11/ts

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Sunday 5/16	18°C	6°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 5/15	12°C	6°C	0.0 mm
Friday 5/14	16°C	6°C	0.8 mm
Thursday 5/13	13°C	1°C	2.5 mm
Wednesday 5/12	15°C	4°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 5/11	11°C	-2°C	0.0 mm

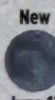
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Thu.	5:40 a.m./8:42 p.m.	12:29 p.m./1:34 a.m.
Fri.	5:39 a.m./8:43 p.m.	1:45 p.m./2:00 a.m.
Sat.	5:38 a.m./8:44 p.m.	3:00 p.m./2:24 a.m.
Sun.	5:37 a.m./8:45 p.m.	4:15 p.m./2:48 a.m.
Mon.	5:36 a.m./8:46 p.m.	5:30 p.m./3:13 a.m.
Tues.	5:35 a.m./8:47 p.m.	6:44 p.m./3:41 a.m.
Wed.	5:34 a.m./8:48 p.m.	7:56 p.m./4:14 a.m.



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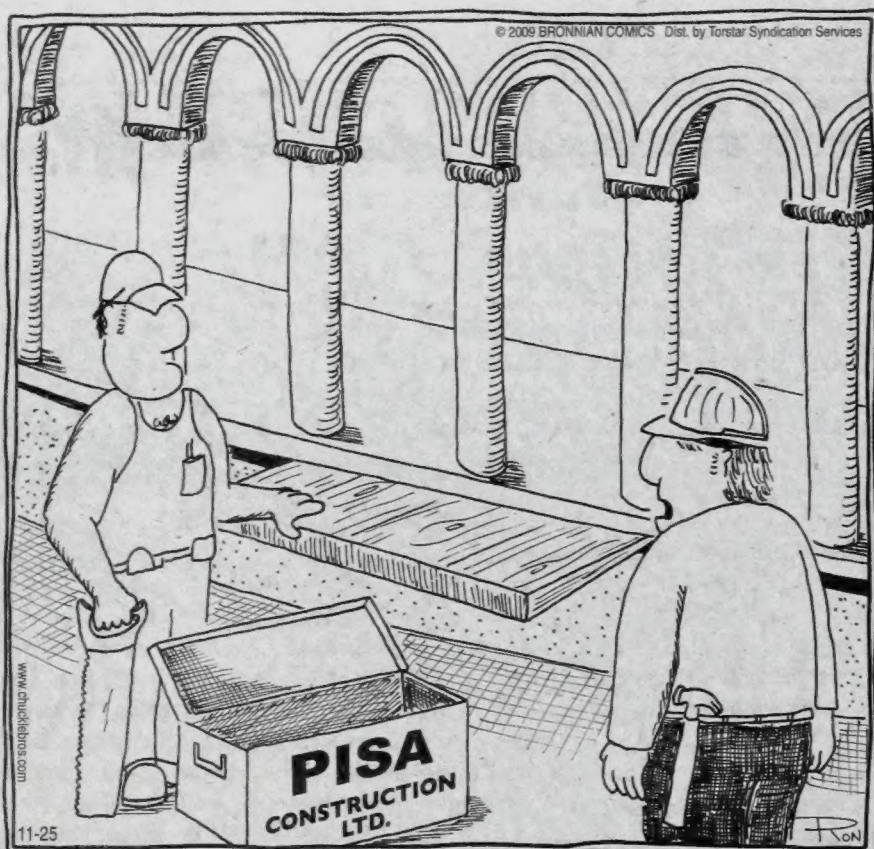
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"Our councillors are doing their best... Nobody is perfect in this world."

As I have been reading all the letters from Ms. Houser that the Voice has chosen to print, I have wondered what her agenda was. Well, it has come to my attention that her "husband" is on Barb Reid's Slate. They are running in the next election. They seem to think they will do better.

I have lived in Minden for 21 years and witnessed a lot of changes in our town. I am proud to live in this great town. Our councillors are doing their best. They are not perfect and we don't always agree with their decisions. Our town has certainly come a long way in the 21 years we have lived here. Nobody is perfect in this world. Not even you Ms. Houser. Your constant letters in the paper putting down these people who we elected is not nice, especially when you are doing it for political reasons. There will be a forum for your comments at a later date I am sure.

As a member of The Minden Hills Library Advisory Committee I take exception to your comments. Our committee has worked hard fundraising to buy GOOD furniture so it would not have to be replaced in the years to come. The furniture was made by a company that makes furniture for libraries only. We are very close to fulfilling our commitment to the cost of the furnishings which we are very proud.

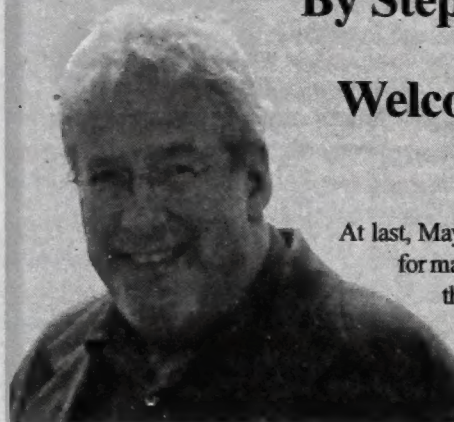
My wish for the public would be to acquire minutes of the council meetings at the township office, so you can get the true facts. Please don't take other people's word for what is discussed at our town's council meetings. Ms. Houser does not give you the right numbers, only what she wants you to believe to further her "husbands" political agenda.

Sue Eskelin
Minden ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Welcome to Summer – and Election Time!



At last, May 24 arrives. Thank you Queen Victoria, not only for making Ottawa our national capital (who cares if you threw a dart at a wall to make the final decision?), but for having such smart courtiers who decided to celebrate your birthday in late May. At least, it sure beats the third week in January, and for generations has provided a kind of unofficial start to the summer. No matter that

most Canadians nowadays equate the May 24 with the packaging of a certain kind of beverage rather than with the British Empire's 19th century Super Mom: no matter that I'm probably in the minority in thinking that Ottawa is one of Canada's most pleasant and liveable cities. We're all historical revisionists these days: it's what keeps the mind alive, what with twitter, facebook, and that new person who's taken up permanent residence in every room of our home and goes by the strange name of iPhone.

But I digress. The May 24 Victoria Day weekend marks the traditional start of much-needed summer business for the County's retail community, its hospitality and resort sector, our marinas, and our real estate brokers and salespersons. It also represents a real kind of tease – because the real summer party doesn't begin until July 1st, even though retailers have to look as if they're ready for business in May. This can be an onerous challenge, for retailers in particular. When we were in the bookstore business in the late 1980s, I remember well those long depressing June days when the store looked fabulous, the shelves were full, and the aisles were empty. Curiously enough, our suppliers didn't seem to care about this retail anomaly. ("Isn't Christmas your big season? Summer is a slow time for books.")

After a deep recession, and two wet and cold summers, the Haliburton Highlands deserve a hot, dry, and prosperous summer. In one exciting sign of growth, the County's real estate market has started to rebound in impressive fashion. In the month of April a total of 81 residential, recreational, vacant lot and commercial properties were sold County-wide. Last year only 36 deals closed; in 2008 the figure was 56.

The figures for the first five months of 2010 are equally impressive: 148 sold, compared to 76 last year and 135 in 2008. As well, prices seem to be holding their own, although they're not in any way keeping pace with the national hotspots in the big cities.

This weekend also marks the annual return of the great majority of our seasonal residents. True, "cottaging" is becoming increasingly a year-round activity, but still the vast majority of cottagers use their properties from May until October. Cottage association meetings are gearing up in full force this weekend, and many potential candidates are using these occasions to declare their intentions, which is an acknowledgment in itself of just how important the associations and their members have become to our politician's futures.

We will be covering those municipal elections in the same thorough fashion as we cover each Municipal Council and our County Council. In the past few weeks we've received and have published some letters that take direct issue with some declared and undeclared candidates' positions and track record. We're always happy to publish legitimate commentary on municipal issues and personalities, and we know our readers rely on our news coverage for an honest and straightforward reporting of events. But we're now receiving letters from declared candidates that amount in some cases to a campaign manifesto, which is not what the Letters to the Editor section is really for. In other instances we've received letters that outline in extreme detail just why Candidate X is a great guy, and Candidate Y is no-good loser. We do include a letter in this issue from a member of the Minden Library Board that criticizes the members of the Vision 2010 slate, which we think is valid comment. But if we were to publish campaign platforms, or thinly veiled hagiographies of individual candidates, we'd be duty bound to extend that courtesy to all candidates, thus making the Letters to the Editor section an easy platform for unedited broadsheets and not informed comment.

We will certainly cover every candidate's campaign and manifesto in the forthcoming election fairly and in depth. As always, we welcome your comments on this issue. Let us know if you feel we're being unfair, or censorious. We look forward to your letters. ■

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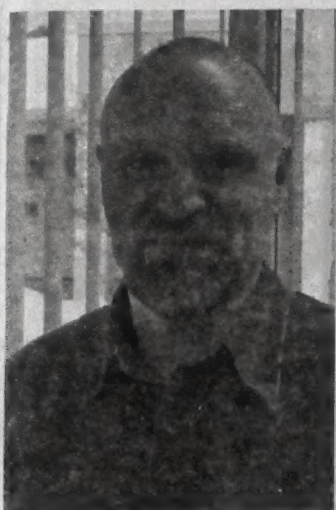
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The Health Care Maze

By Paul Rosebush, President and CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services

People often find it difficult to understand our health care system and find it challenging to figure out how all of its components are linked together. In an era where everyone in health care is striving to be open and transparent there is unfortunately still a great deal of confusion about who does what, and who someone should turn to when they require medical assistance. In this article I will attempt to describe in a very basic way how some of the pieces fit together in Haliburton.

In Haliburton we have basically two streams of health care services. We have what is called "primary care", and "tertiary" hospital based care. Primary care is the type of frontline health care you receive when you book an appointment to go see your family physician. Your family physician will assess your condition and make treatment recommendations for you. If they need more information about the status of your health they may order lab tests or x-rays to help them with a diagnosis. Lab tests in Haliburton are provided by LifeLabs which is a private company that operates throughout Ontario. X-rays are provided at our hospitals for in-patient, emergency exams, and for community patients. In the very near future people will also be able to have ultrasound exams at the Haliburton hospital when a private Ultrasound provider, York Ultrasound, commences part-time services here.

In our area we have primary care physicians who operate in Haliburton, Minden, and Kinmount although, as everyone knows, more physicians are desperately needed in our community. We also have a Family Health Team which operates in Haliburton at the Family Medical Centre and in Minden at the hospital which is made up of allied health professionals who support primary health care in our community. For example nurses, a social worker, and an occupational therapist offer a variety of programs and services that help people manage chronic health care conditions and optimize their health.

Tertiary care which is sometimes called secondary care is generally provided in large hospital settings that offer health care specialization. In our region we have two hospitals that were established to provide emergency care for our community. The ER's in Haliburton and Minden operate on a 24/7 basis and provide care that ranges from life saving resuscitation to non-urgent levels of need (colds, sore throat, abdominal pain). Because Minden has fewer primary care resources than Haliburton the ER is often used by the community to meet its basic health needs. In our hospitals we have basic lab services which are operated on-site by our nurses, and x-ray capability. In Haliburton we also have a 14 bed acute care department that operates at approximately 90% occupancy on any given day. Our Haliburton hospital is staffed by physicians from the Haliburton Medical Centre as well as by physicians who come to us through a network of physicians called Health Force Ontario. Our Minden ER hospital is staffed by a physicians group that includes physicians from Lindsay, Peterborough, Barrie and Orillia among others.

The hospitals and primary care providers are funded through separate mechanisms. Our hospital services are funded through the Central East LHIN and our primary care providers receive their funding through the provincial government health plan.

Health Services are also provided in our community through a variety of other means. Haliburton County operates Emergency Medical Services (EMS) who are the first responders that provide immediate assistance and ambulance transportation of patients to hospitals when needed. We also have Public Health Services (HKPR Health Unit) which looks after the general health of the community by doing such things as monitoring food and water safety, supporting healthy lifestyles and the healthy growth and development of children, and managing communicable diseases among a variety of other important roles.

Health services are also directly provided in our community's long term care settings by nurses, physicians, and rehabilitation specialists. HHHS operates two MOHLTC regulated long term care homes (Hyland Crest in Minden and Highland Wood in Haliburton) and Extendicare, a private company, also operates a regulated long term care home in Haliburton. Nursing support is also delivered in the community to assist people to age in place such as through HHHS' Supportive Housing Program. The Central East Community Care Access Centre plays a pivotal role coordinating and providing community care after someone leaves the hospital and by coordinating access into our community's long term care programs.

We are also fortunate to have vision and hearing professionals in our community who provide specialized assistance to people with vision and hearing needs. Some of these professionals work in non-profit settings and others operate in a business setting. We also have community rehabilitation specialists such as chiropractors, physiatrists and occupational therapists practicing in our area. Pharmacists are also active in our community and work in or operate private businesses, and round out the range of important health care services available in our community. Access to surgical services, higher level diagnostic services (CT Scans/MRI's/Scopes), and specialized services (cancer care) is made by referral and are not provided locally. Emergency access to specialized care for the very ill or critically injured outside of our region is provided by the province through air and land ambulance services known as "Omge" because of its distinctive ambulance colour.

Many indirect health services are also provided by our local social services network. For instance Community Care Haliburton County provides transportation assistance for individuals to access a variety of local and regional health services and they also provide the Meals on Wheels program. SIRCH provides hospice support and the VON provides valuable day programs to support people. HHHS's mental health program (Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services) is also the focal point for a variety of counseling services that support the well being of people in our community. Pointe in Time provides similar counseling support for children and families and Five Counties Children's Services provides children with a range of physical and communicative therapies to assist with their healthy development.

No wonder people have difficulty finding their way through the health care maze as it has many pieces, different accountabilities, and separate funding mechanisms. The reality is that in such a complex health system people will at times experience problems acquiring appropriate health care. Such problems can only be solved by a patient focused approach to health care and through good communication and collaboration between all parts of the health system. Fortunately, in our community all of our community health care partners agree on the value of good communication, better coordination, and strategic cooperation to meet the needs of Haliburton residents, cottagers, and visitors. There are many more facets to health care in our community that I did not address in this article and encourage everyone to learn more about their health system by visiting as a starting point the MOHLTC, CELHIN, and HHHS web-sites. ■

Dear Editor:

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"I would like to encourage everyone to contact their local MPP and express their concern about the HST."

I find myself part of a demographic that has, during recent elections, been repeatedly encouraged to get out there and vote. I believe that not only is it our right to vote but our responsibility. However, I can understand why many people just don't see the point any longer. Our governments seem to have forgotten or choose to ignore the fact that they are responsible to the people who elect them. I am glad to see though that they have finally listened to the public outcry against the GST, a tax that many have promised to get rid of, a promise that our current Ontario government has finally made good on.

They have finally done away with that objectionable G and moved on the next letter of the alphabet, the much more pleasant H. H is a much more attractive letter than G and apparently can be applied to many more items and services that Ontarians find themselves in need of as well. The new HST will give us the opportunity to pay more taxes on the things that working families need the most. In order to get to work we will have to pay approximately \$239 more per year to fill our gas tanks. I don't know an exact number but in order for us to heat our homes with oil or electricity we will be paying an extra eight percent in taxes. Thank goodness for the income tax refund I got this year because of the home renovation tax credit! I can put that money in my TFSA so that I just might have enough money to cover these extra costs without having to pull my kids out of hockey or dance, which by the way will be subject to a new 13 percent tax.

In our current economic climate I find it very difficult to understand why our government finds it necessary to make it even more difficult for the average working family to make ends meet. We have seen concern expressed recently in the local news about the number of families, in particular, children, in our community who are living in poverty or simply living in families who have to make sacrifices in order to meet the basic needs of shelter, heat, food and transportation.

How can our government justify further taxing people who are already struggling? I'm afraid with the implementation of the HST we will see more children coming to school with inadequate lunches and more seniors wearing their winter coats indoors next year as people have to make difficult choices in order to afford to heat their homes and feed hungry mouths. I would like to encourage everyone to contact their local MPP and express their concern about the HST. Every MPP has a toll free phone number to contact them at as well as an e-mail which can be accessed through their website.

Sincerely
Ann Smith
Haliburton, Ontario ■



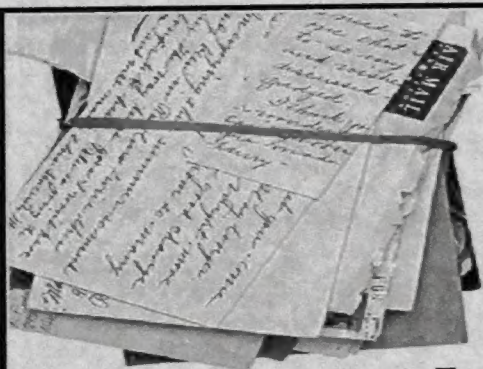
Police Reports

Driver Charged

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a Dysart Twp man after stopping a vehicle in Haliburton Village this past Saturday shortly before 7:30pm.

The officer had conversation with the driver after stopping the vehicle in a parking lot on Mountain Street. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Mitchell Hardy 56 years of Dysart et al has been charged with Impaired Driving, Drive Over 80 mgs, Driving While Under Suspension (Highway Traffic Act) and Driving Without Insurance. Mr. Hardy was held in custody pending a bail hearing. ■



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Recycled Art at JDH Elementary School

By Zoe Cittern

Tissue boxes, pop cans, cereal boxes and even The County Voice were some of the every day items which were turned into pieces of art in late April in celebration of Earth Day at JDH Elementary School in Haliburton.

Thursday, April 22nd marked the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and students at the school held an art show to commemorate the event and boost the children's knowledge about recycling and reusable products.

The eye-catching work displayed colourful creatures, totes, clocks and even a 10-foot high giant. One piece of art which kept popping up especially amongst grades five and six were robots fashioned from pop cans, tissue boxes, cardboard and soup tins.

Two students, Braeden Jones and Ricky Aldom, who are "really into robots" created their android, named E.T., from cans and boxes. Both boys seemed particularly proud of E.T especially for a quick photograph.

Grade Sixers Drew vanLieshout, Kyle Lavergne, Ethan Cooper and McKay Coneybeare all learnt the importance of recycling, and realized that, "it's a fun way to help the environment. We've never thought of recycling art before but we had a good time. The splat painting was probably the most fun."

It was the first year that the school had carried out such an event with Principal Traci Hubbert telling the Voice, "This year our lead 'Eco' teacher is Sabine Murray. She has been working very diligently to encourage our school to try a variety of eco-friendly initiatives. In celebration of Earth Day it was decided to hold an "Eco" Art Exhibit and so we could invite parents and the community to attend. Each teacher was encouraged to do something with their class in regards to recycled art. Teachers Sabine Murray and Lorry Brandon worked to get things organised and set the show up in the library. Teacher Linda Shantz had done recycled art projects in her class before and shared some ideas and other classes came up with their own unique ideas."

Last week the school dedicated each day in the school week to an eco idea in recognition of Earth Week. The environmental initiatives were sparked by the Eco Club in the school ran by Sabine. Principal Hubbert continues, "one day we decided teachers could teach a paperless lesson, we had a boomerang lunch, another day we had half the lights off in classrooms etc."



From left grade 6 recyclers
Drew vanLeishout,
Kyle Lavergne, Ethan Cooper,
and McKay Coneybeare,
pose with some of the classes
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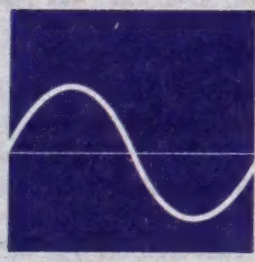
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Minden Hills Water Systems

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very clearly about a month ago. He also commented on the 'cautionary process' involved when speaking about a contract that had not yet been awarded.

Brown assured the public that his department had great expectations that the first phase of the project would come in under budget, thus realizing some savings for the next phase.

However, he also advised those in attendance that the existing water pressure does not meet established guidelines.

Abbi Xerri asked if the tower and location being proposed were the only viable options being offered, and Brown assured him that the new tower would not only provide the required pressure, but would also allow for future commercial development. This was the first of a lot of questions by Xerri, who seemed to be suggesting throughout the meeting that Council had some hidden agenda when it came to the project and that the public was not being given the entire picture.

Commenting about the disruption to residents that had already taken place, Paul Arteau inquired whether the additional capacity of the new tank would really make a difference. Arteau also commented on the 'muttering' among members of Council and asked them to speak clearly and have respect.

Brown confirmed that a lot of options had been presented and considered, but said, "This is the best possible option and it has been approved by Council."

Blanchard then carefully outlined the financial implications to the Lutterworth Pines residents if the two systems were not amalgamated and to Minden residents if they were combined. She also addressed the shortfall in capital costs for the Lutterworth Pines project, a shortfall in reserves and a projected shortfall in operations and maintenance funding for Lutterworth Pines. "We must ensure that we have sufficient money in reserves to replace the system 25 years down the road," she said, and for the Lutterworth Pines residents that meant an additional cost of \$427 a year which, when combined with increased operations and maintenance costs, would result in an overall increase of 115 percent this year and 154 percent next year.

Blanchard also addressed financing the million dollar shortfall for the water tower project. According to Blanchard one of the ineligible costs for the water tower project was the land that the municipality had acquired in order to proceed. She advised that the municipality had applied for \$2.4 million dollars for the tower, engineering and road works which would have made the municipality responsible for approximately \$800,000 of those costs. With the unanticipated shortfall, the municipality is faced with a 25 year debenture payment amounting to as much as \$65,000 a year.

When asked again by a member of the public about the shortfall, Councillor Barbara Reid explained that there were only two suppliers within the province for a unique item (the water tank). "Over 440 municipalities have had access to money and the suppliers have been inundated with requests. It would have been very difficult to predict the supply and demand issue that we face."

Questions continued to rain down on Council and staff about the overage for the water tower, the additional cost from the supplier, whether the additional cost was attributed to the move from its initial/preferred location and why the location for the tower had been changed. Brown assured the public that staff was looking at every available option to 'bring costs down to a reasonable level' and advised that to the best of his knowledge (Brown was hired after the process began) the location had changed because of soils issues. Brown assured Xerri that he would further investigate and report back on the full details of the move.

Xerri said, "These are straight forward questions that have been asked before. You should have been prepared for them. I have asked the CAO and Reeve a number of times, but the fact is that my questions have been ignored." Xerri thanked Blanchard for her efforts and the information provided, but said, "We are expected to swallow all of this and make a decision within an hour. The Reeve and CAO, who are ultimately responsible, should be able to respond to our questions."

Blanchard assured the public that what had been presented for costs was the 'worst case scenario.'

Joan Featherstone commented that soil testing was usually conducted well before a project was tendered and suggested that poor soils might be poor rationale for the tower being moved. "Surely someone on Council knows the real reason for the move. That information would be very much appreciated as we cannot give you the proper input without all of the information."

The public continued to pepper the Council with questions to the extent that Councillor Peter Oyler finally stepped in and asked for some decorum. In response Ross Warburton said, "This is a public meeting and we pay your wages."

Xerri continued to ask the same questions of the CAO and Reeve about the location of the tower. While CAO Gerry Morrison made no comment throughout the meeting, finally Reeve Jim McMahon said, "You want the truth and you'll get the truth." He then explained that when D. M. Wills had sought estimates for the water tower, they had missed some of the exclusions to the prices submitted.

When Xerri continued his questions about the location, McMahon explained that the location for the tower had been changed after the first public meeting and the environmental assessments. Repeating comments made by Brown earlier, McMahon said, "I believe the move was related to soil tests and the fact that it was the most common sense location for the tower."

Xerri then commented that the resulting longer access road to the tower, which he suggested had been built to accommodate future development, had been part and parcel of the increased costs and part of a 'secret' deal with the original land owner.

This comment raised the hackles of Councillor Lisa Schell, but Councillor Rick Ratcliff calmly

**"This is the best possible option."
(Environmental Manager Peter Brown)**



Environmental Manager Peter Brown explains the ins and outs of both of the municipality's water systems.

explained that the tower was not being done to accommodate future development in the area. He did confirm that some of the negotiations with the land owner had taken place in private and that there had been some give and take with the owner, but that the bottom line was Minden needed a new water tower. "(The owner) could have asked for \$1.5 million for the land and he owns the whole mountain, but the price was fair to the township and the people, with an understanding that the road would be expanded for future development if he wanted to build one or two houses up there."

"You want the truth; I'll give you the truth." (Reeve Jim McMahon)



Abbi Xerri puts a number of questions to the Minden Hills Council and suggests that there is a hidden agenda when it comes to the water tower project.

"This tower is a win/win situation for this township," Ratcliff went on to say, adding that Canadian Tire wouldn't build until the tower was completed and there was more pressure.

Schell also commented that one of the alternatives considered to the tower was a mechanical system that would have cost as much as the tower. In addition, Schell said that there was a risk that the mechanical system would break down and have to be replaced much sooner than the tower. She said, "In our opinion this is the most cost effective way to go and it bothers me to hear these questions about

relocation."

Questions were also raised about the hydrants on the access road, and comments again made that there were underlying reasons for the wider road and hydrants. Brown explained that any time a new water main is built there is a requirement for hydrants. "It is less costly to do them now," he said, but also commented that there would be maintenance issues for the municipality to consider.

Blanchard again reviewed financial options, saying that the municipality could either increase everyone's rates by 13 percent, or phase in the debenture payments over a five year period. A question was raised by Ross Warburton about the amount in reserves and why they could not be used now. Blanchard responded that the municipality had \$500,000 in water reserves and \$800,000 in sewer reserves, but cautioned that there would be a need to replace the reserves that were used so the municipality and users of the system would be no further ahead.

Warburton inquired whether public water was paid for and Schell commented that this had been brought to Council in the past but shut down. Schell inquired exactly what revenue would be realized if there was a user pay system, similar to other municipalities. Brown confirmed that there was a meter at the plant and on the accesses to public water. He also commented that there was no charge for fire protection but added that the potential for revenue from the use of public water was considerable.

Featherstone advised Council that she had spoken to at least 20 people that day and that none of them were aware of the meeting. She urged council to hold another public meeting in the evening to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to attend and gather more information. Oyler, however, said that the meeting had been well advertised, which was confirmed by the Clerk. Featherstone later commented that "the five percent increase might be considered to be a drop in the bucket, but I have a very little bucket to begin with."

Serious concerns were raised about the oversight by the consulting engineer, something that was considered to be 'gross negligence,' about whether the engineers had been paid for their work and if they were still working for the municipality. Questions were also raised about individual residents' ability, particularly those on fixed incomes, to handle substantial increases for water.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch commiserated with the public, particularly those living near the tower location that have had their lives impacted. "But this tower is critical," she said: "You can blame the consultants or those tendering the project; the question is what to do now."

Xerri, however, wouldn't leave the matter alone and continued to suggest that something was being held back from the public. McMahon finally said that council had cooperated with his requests and he had been promised answers by Brown. When Xerri demanded more information and suggested that he was being bullied, McMahon finally asked him to leave.

Further he came out of the audience with comments flying back and forth between members of the public and Council, and finally Featherstone actually suggested that Oyler should leave the room instead. Xerri challenged the Reeve's request for him to leave and was finally allowed to make one final statement where he suggested that there was evidence of malfeasance on the part of the Council, the Reeve and the CAO by suppressing information to the Ministry of Environment and the residents. He demanded that Council as a whole resign.

Councillor Bill Obee suggested that there was still an important piece of the equation that Council required for the Minden residents about reserves and replacement costs before they could make an informed decision. Obee recommended deferring any decision on amalgamation for a one year period rather than make a decision based on 'best guesses.'

McMahon finally closed the public portion of the meeting and Council deliberated on the matters before them. Reid commented that Council was faced with a dilemma with no clear path ahead of them other than amalgamation given the impact to the 29 Lutterworth Pines residents. Schell agreed that there seemed to be little choice and Murdoch said, "I agree that we are in a predicament, but I think we should proceed and hope to recoup some of our costs from development down the road."

After further consideration, Council defeated a motion to defer the decision and voted to amalgamate the Lutterworth Pines and Minden water systems. They also passed a resolution to award the tender for the tower to Landmark Construction for \$2.208 million dollars while continuing to investigate cost saving measures. ■

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Staff Reporter**

Emergency Management is a County Priority

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Emergency scenarios included a wide variety of situations, including a chlorine tanker truck and tour bus crash, fires, major damage to Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home forcing evacuation to the community centre, people trapped in collapsed buildings, residential housing damage that prevented habitation and a host of others. Organizers attempted to envision as many emergency situations as possible that could arise from such a natural disaster and figure out the best ways to deal with them.

"It was the first time all four municipalities have worked together on an emergency plan," said Pat Kennedy, Haliburton County Emergency Services Director.

Kennedy took the lead for the county on the organization of the day's activities.

"It exposed some things, which we wanted it to do," Kennedy said of the day's activities. "The four municipalities and the county will work to address those issues. There was nothing major came out of it. A lot of it is just improving communications between the upper and lower tiers and working with our allied agencies."

"All in all, I thought it was a good exercise, especially for our first joint one," he added.

Rod Manley of Community Emergency Management Solutions Inc. (CEMS) was the facilitator for the session. He has been the consultant for the county, conducting annual training in emergency preparedness for a number of years. "The whole county – the four municipalities – are on that program now," Kennedy said. "So, that was the big test." Kennedy said they learned how enquiries may have been misdirected and how they should be changed. He said even though everything is done at the municipal level, the county is the resource or nerve centre.

The objectives of the day included the activation of the CEMS public enquiry system to manage public enquiries; manage resources to demonstrate the ability to acquire, locate, mobilize and manage personnel, equipment, supplies, equipment and facilities; and communication and collaboration with Haliburton County and its member municipalities.

Representatives from Ontario Hydro, Haliburton County Roads Department, Ministry of Natural Resources, Health Unit, Ontario Provincial Police, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Departments, Social Services and the local Amateur Radio Club joined members of the municipal councils and county personnel for the day's session.

During a declared state of emergency, municipalities would maintain 24-hour communications via telephone, if available, and websites would be continually updated to keep the public informed. It was noted that residents and cottagers should keep a list of telephone numbers, such as their municipal and county offices as a source of information and use 9-1-1 only for emergencies.

Participants learned a continuous loop styled five-step planning cycle: assess the situation; set objectives; develop an action plan; implement the action plan; and monitor, re-evaluate and report. This five-stage plan would continue as issues are resolved and new ones arise until the emergency has been dealt with and services and access issues are restored.

It was noted that everyone should be prepared to deal with an emergency situation by having supplies on hand to last at least 72 hours, including food, water and any medication they may need. A battery-powered radio or one with its own crank type power supply would be very helpful to keep abreast of the progress of reopening roads and local safety issues would be very helpful. Trees down across roads, wash-outs and downed power lines blocking roads are just a few of the potential barriers that could prevent access to supplies for several days, depending on the severity of the storm.

Communication is a key component in any emergency situation and Monday's exercise identified all methods of sharing information, between emergency personnel, volunteers, municipalities and the public. Use of the media was discussed, including the role of radio and newspapers to disseminate information regarding safety issues and advisories, such as warning people to stay clear of downed hydro lines and to be aware of water contamination in the case of hazardous liquid spills. In some municipalities, people would be advised to stay in their homes as long as it was safe to do so. Information such as availability of emergency accommodations and advising which roads are passable are among the services the media would be able to provide.

Complete with mock press releases. The last item of the day was a session where designated municipal and county representatives delivered statements to the media and answered questions from the media members present as well as the rest of the participants who represented the general public. This exercise was designed to give the day's participants an idea of what to expect in terms of media questions and how to respond, as Pat Kennedy said, "with clear, concise, accurate and timely information."

Kennedy was asked if other



volunteer organizations would be recruited to assist in an emergency situation besides the amateur radio group. He said the snowmobile and ATV associations immediately came to mind since they could be helpful in getting to people who were stranded in areas where other methods of transportation were not possible.

There was some discussion regarding the media's role in providing information to those who call with questions. One suggestion was to have media outlets refer them to the county's call centre. "I don't think it's the media's role to respond to questions from the public, it's certainly to pass information from the municipalities out to the public," was one comment.

Speaking for Highlands East, Suzanne Partridge said, "One of our utmost concerns is keeping people informed in a timely fashion so we don't have panic and misconceptions so as soon as any new information becomes available we'd be contacting the media. If the media has the answers, they should be disseminating that information. If they've already got it from us at the municipality, it's going to save us so much time at the command centre."

Rod Manley's interpretation of the media's role is to get the message out to the public, based on information supplied by the municipalities. "The other thing is, we want consistent messaging," he said.

"Having the media there was a real bonus," Kennedy said. "We want to work more on that side of things... the best ways to get information out to the public. We started the process to work with the media, recognizing you're a critical part of it, so we need to improve on that."

Methods of providing information could include telephone, e-mail and posting on the county's website. Algonquin Highlands councilor Carol Moffatt said one of her priorities regarding communication would be to contact the media and advise them to keep an eye on the online bulletin board, which would be updated as information became available.

But what if telephone and Internet services are down? That's when the amateur radio (also known as ham radio) operators would be especially valuable, it was pointed out.

The exercise identified areas within the current municipal emergency plans that need improvement. Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan said the exercise "lets you see exactly what your role is and how it fits in with the county. 'You're not working by yourself,'" he said.

EMS Director Pat Kennedy said he was very happy with the way everyone responded during the mock disaster. "There weren't any major problems," he said, adding that they need to know what to do in case the first response doesn't have the desired effect. "If 'A' doesn't work then we have a back-up plan," he said. "Some of the secondary plans weren't in place so we'll correct that over the next two or three weeks. Overall, the county's in good shape." ■

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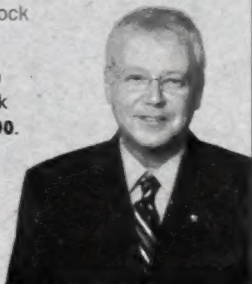


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Over \$2000 raised for YWCA Haliburton

On Saturday, May 15, Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton hosted the National Garage Sale for Shelter at 10 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden in support of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation, a program dedicated to ending violence against women and children in communities across Canada.

Local residents joined realtors, brokers, and administrative staff to donate household items for the sale, with all proceeds generated supporting Canadian communities including Haliburton County. Items for sale included everything from books, clothing, electronics, exercise equipment, and other assorted household items. The National Garage Sale for Shelter at 10 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden attracted crowds of bargain hunters and raised an impressive \$2,063.95 for our local YWCA women's shelter – Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace, and violence prevention and education programs throughout Ontario.

More than 125 communities across Canada took part in the National Garage Sale for Shelter raising



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funds and awareness to end family violence. "Money raised from each garage sale will support local women's shelters," says Broker, Patti Johnson. "This not only provides the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation with much-needed financial support but it also raises awareness about domestic violence."



Organizers Vicki Sisson & Patti Johnson would like to thank everyone who donated items, and attended the sale, and to all of the Admin staff, Brokers, and Realtors of Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton, and the staff and volunteers from the YWCA Haliburton County office for their help in making the event a success. Also, a big thank you to the following sponsors for their generous support:

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This year, with the help of the community and TD Canada Trust (National Presenting sponsor), Atlas Van Lines Canada (In-kind Moving and Transportation sponsor) and Advance Commission Company of Canada (Major Event sponsor), we raised even more money and awareness than ever!

The National Garage Sale for Shelter raises funds in support of local shelters and helps restore hope to more than 30,000 women and children across Canada. Since 1999, the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation has donated more than \$10 million to charities and has become Canada's largest public foundation dedicated exclusively to funding women's shelters and violence prevention programs. All proceeds from the Garage Sale go directly to the cause because Royal LePage underwrites 100 per cent of the administration costs. It is actually the only Canadian real estate company with its own charity, empowering realtors and brokers to give back to the communities which they serve.



"We are proud of our offices who have worked so hard to hold this community event and we will continue to make charitable contributions in neighbourhoods where we live and work," said Sandra Diaz, Executive Director of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. "We believe a home should be a place of safety, security and comfort and the Shelter Foundation provides a safe haven and new beginnings for Canadian women and children," says, Ms. Diaz. ■



Top - from left - Anthony van Lieshout, (Royal LePage) Laura Redman, (YWCA) Hal Johnson, (Royal LePage) Vicki Sisson, (Royal LePage) Nancy Clarke, (Royal LePage) Cathy Bain, (Royal LePage) Patti Johnson (Royal LePage)



Haliburton's Dave McKay loses his First Cousin

Last Thursday, May 13th, Pte. Kevin McKay, just 24 years old, died in Afghanistan of wounds suffered from a roadside IED (Improvised Explosive Device) just south of Kandahar.

Pte. McKay was scheduled to return home to Canada just two days later. Instead his devoted family gathered on Sunday in Trenton to receive his body and accompany it to the Coroner's office in Toronto.

The death of Kevin McKay was devastating as well to one Haliburton family: Dave McKay was first cousin to Kevin, and very close to his father Fred, a long standing Toronto Fire Captain. "Both my wife Kellee and my son Austin were also close to Kevin, and to my Uncle Fred, Aunt Beth, and Kevin's younger brother Riley. Fred was an outstanding fire trainer as well, and just recently he conducted a two-hour training session for Haliburton County's firefighters," said Dave. "We had lots in common, including a love of hockey, and goaltending. Fred was a goalie, I was a goalie, and now my son Austin is a goalie with the Highland Storm Rep Pee wee team."

The McKays travelled to Trenton last Sunday to be with Fred's family as Kevin's body was lowered from the Canadian Forces jet. Governor General Michaëlle Jean was on hand to honour Kevin – and shared condolences with the McKays, including Austin and Dave. Then, the families joined the procession along the "Highway of Heroes", aka the 401, to Toronto. "That trip was really beyond description for us," said Dave. "There were literally thousands of people lining the bridges, firemen, ordinary people, you name it. The support was just amazing. And when Kevin's hearse reached Toronto over 200 firemen were there to honour the family at the Coroner's office."

"Kevin wasn't certain what he wanted to do now that his tour of duty had come to an end. But I know he'd talked to his Dad about becoming a firefighter in Barrie. It's just too sad to think about."

Final funeral arrangements had yet to be made at press time, but the service and burial will likely be in Kevin's home town of Barrie. ■



Top - Fire captain Fred McKay with his son Pte. Kevin McKay

Above - Austin McKay and his Dad Dave McKay with a picture of their cousin.

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Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Setting the Recycling Bar Higher

The Highlands East Council has agreed unanimously that there are far too many recycling items going into the landfill and that, with a clear bag policy in place, it must be enforced.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie suggested that all members of Council should be looking carefully at each of the landfill sites and the transfer station. He said, "There is a stark difference between them. At one site there are a hundred bags of garbage in the bush and at other sites there is nothing."

Mackie went on to compare one site to a Walmart parking lot while another looks like it had been hit with a stick of dynamite. "Something has to be done. I've mentioned this concern a number of times and moving people around is not the answer. This has to do with recycling; the recycling is overflowing and the metal is piled high."

Environmental/Property Supervisor Glen Covert assured Council that the metal would be hauled out the following week. Covert also commented that the landfill needs two people at all times during the summer months. He reported that it was his plan to have two students during the summer to help with recycling.

Councillor Partridge commented that she would also like to see some progress when it came to recycling and that the municipality should be setting an example.

Covert also commented that funding from the Blue Box Program had jumped considerably over the last year and if the municipality's recycling strategy wasn't followed that funding would not be available. He reported that he would be meeting with the County's Joint Waste Management Committee to submit a joint application for other funding programs that are available in efforts to improve the waste diversion at the landfills.

Partridge inquired about storing electronics and Covert advised that a shelter would be required. Mackie supported the idea of a trailer to allow the municipality to set aside batteries as well. He said, "We see batteries and tires dumped here and there out of sheer laziness, particularly when they can be disposed of at the landfill."

Cardiff Pathways Showing Signs of Wear

The pathway project completed last year in Cardiff is already beginning to show some serious and inappropriate signs of wear and all indications point to the fact that the work may have been substandard.

Deputy Reeve Mackie said, "These pathways are only about six months old and they're already

cracking." Reeve Dave Burton suggested that the problem may be a result of poor compaction but Mackie felt it was a matter of the thickness of the asphalt. "Grass is growing right through the pathways," he said, and photos were available to prove his point.

Environmental/Property Supervisor Glen Covert will meet with the contractor that completed the work and report back to Council at their next meeting.

Defective Fire Truck Raises Fire Coverage Concerns

Last week Fire Chief Bill Wingrove reported to Council that the new fire truck purchased last year is still being problematic. The truck has been sent back to the supplier and Wingrove says he won't take it back until it is repaired once and for all. "If it has to have a new frame, that's what we'll have to do because it bounces badly at 80 kilometres."

When asked why no one could find out what was wrong, Wingrove said that the truck had been sent to a variety of places and despite work being done on it, the problem persists. He said that in the interim he had another truck on loan from the manufacturer, but he felt the municipality's truck should have a new International frame installed.

Both Deputy Reeve Mackie and Councillor Stoughton commented that direction had been given that the truck be sent back until it was fixed, but for some reason the problems keep recurring. When asked if there was a truck stationed at the Highway #28 Firehall, Wingrove confirmed that there was only a Snuffer truck there. Mackie said, "We made a promise to the Ward 2 residents that there would be a pumper kept there and it has been a month and a half."

When they discovered that the pumper truck on loan was being kept at the Tory Hill Station, Stoughton questioned the decision. "Why is there a truck in Tory Hill which is supposed to be shut down while there is no truck on Highway 28?"

In response to this, Wingrove commented that there had been no drivers for the Highway 28 Station. Stoughton said, "There's no sense having a firehall if no one can drive the trucks," and Wingrove said he was working on that and there were drivers there now.

Stoughton went on to say he was concerned about Tory Hill and the possibility of increased rates with that station being shut down. A discussion followed about the distances involved and whether the concern about coverage was valid. Mackie questioned Stoughton's statement, saying that he had done the math and there were no concerns.

Stoughton said, "If the people in Essonville start to complain that they are outside of the zone we will have to rectify the situation. You guys will have to take another run and do more tests. We have had enough problems with the Fire Department and it's time for us all to be on the same page. We argue about this at every meeting and nothing is done about it. Some place along the line we're not rectifying the problem."

But Mackie was adamant that he had spent hours on this and had the numbers right. Returning to the discussion about the defective truck, he suggested sending a letter to the manufacturer, but Wingrove said he had spoken with the municipality's lawyer on the best approach. "No one seems to be able to fix the problem, so I want a new chassis. The manufacturer wants us to take the truck back and drive it until something breaks but we're not doing that."

Mackie agreed, saying, "That's stupid. It's like saying...here's an ambulance; drive it until the wheels fall off."

Going to back to coverage in Tory Hill, Wingrove assured Stoughton that the people in the area were well covered.

Wingrove later advised the Voice that problems with the manufacturer had been resolved and, while he is still waiting for parts, the truck will be ready to go within a week.

One Step Closer to a Highlands East Ambulance Base

County CAO Jim Wilson and EMS Director Pat Kennedy were in attendance at the last Highlands East Council meeting to consider the possibility of setting up an ambulance base in Tory Hill.

Providing a bit of an update on EMS coverage, Kennedy advised Council that since the numbers of calls had increased in Highlands East and Harcourt Park, an ambulance continues to roam in the area whenever the number of vehicles allows. "They're in the area by 9:00 a.m., but if an ambulance is required elsewhere they move back to the core. We continue to be very fluid."

Kennedy reported that this year the County Council had endorsed a fourth ambulance for the months of July and August. "While this is good, I have concerns with the ambulance roaming and business owners having to provide the use of facilities for breaks."

Kennedy said that he had seen the notification of closure of the Tory Hill Station and had spoken with both Reeve Burton and Deputy Reeve Mackie about the possibility of using the station as an ambulance base. "It would not be considered as an official base as prescribed by health approvals but we could work with the building as a satellite. Kennedy suggested that further discussion would be required between the County and Highlands East.

Councillor Stoughton commented that it would be great to see the building utilized and that with

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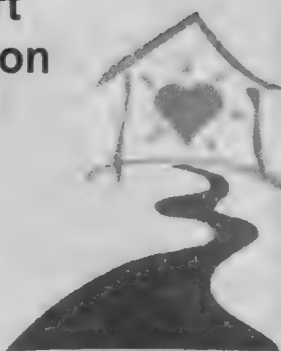
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a bit of work on the inside of the building, it was a feasible option.

Kennedy confirmed that he had run successful radio and cell phone tests in Tory Hill as there have been some issues within Wilberforce. "Cell phone coverage in the area is always a challenge."

In response to a question from Burton about what would be required, Kennedy said that the County would need a proposal from Highlands East detailing what they are willing to provide, the associated costs and expectations from the County. Wilson commented that any proposal should be run through the County's EMS Committee.

Kennedy confirmed that the number of calls continues to increase and that over 400 calls had been received from the area in 2009, not counting those from Harcourt Park. "We'll be tracking the Harcourt Park calls separately as they should be included with the Dysart numbers." He also confirmed that a number of calls were still being taken by the County of Hastings, particularly in the Cardiff area.

As a cautionary measure, Kennedy reiterated that any decision to set up a base in Tory Hill was not be construed as something permanent and that staffing the base would remain a matter of the availability of staff.

Mackie commented that there should be some consideration by Dysart et al to cover their fair share of the costs to set up and run a base, given coverage in Harcourt Park.

Caregiver Praises Success of Feral Cat Program



As the champion of feral cats in Highlands East, Bud Friesman says that the move toward a trap, neuter and release program for the community is going well. Friesman attended the Council meeting on May 11th to bring Council up to date and while he said that progress is slow 'things are coming along.' Friesman made a statement about the program leaving an everlasting effect on the community and said, "Life has a way of balancing itself and I'm proud to be part of this program and be able to tell my grandchildren about it."

Friesman suggested that by involving itself in a TNR program the municipality could only benefit. He said, "I have been speaking with visitors and cottagers about the program and that you would be providing a facility for the cats which would work towards cutting down on the number of animals. It will take people a bit of time to recognize that

there are fewer cats in the area.

Friesman said that he had looked at a spot at the municipality's septage site (where there is considerable acreage not being used for any particular purpose) which he felt would be ideal for a facility. He suggested that it would cost about \$7500 for a complete container with the use of volunteers. "I have a list of volunteers so it's just a matter of putting things in place and getting the work done."

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie, who in his own way has been a champion of the TNR program in Highlands East, referred to earlier discussions by Council and said he had looked at a number of properties owned by the municipality with the understanding that hydro was a must. "Now I believe that's not necessarily the case which opens the septage property up for consideration. There's good security and access is controlled."

Mackie said that he had researched a similar situation in the southwest where a vandal proof, insulated container was used, which for the most part would be good for 25 years. "You couldn't build a garage for the price." He recommended putting a separation in the container and some 3/4 inch plywood which would allow shelves to be installed.

Friesman said that the container would require some heat for the winter to keep the cats warm and their food and water from freezing, but that a small propane unit would work just fine.

In response to a comment by Reeve Dave Burton about the cats wanting to return to the area where they were picked up, Friesman assured Council that they would not migrate once they were given food and water. "Take a mother and her kittens to the shelter as a start and the rest will remain."

Mackie said he had contacted a local propane supplier and a suitable unit would only cost a few hundred dollars. Council agreed that what was being proposed would work just fine.

Budget to be Adopted in June

Budget deliberations in Highlands East are almost completed and residents can expect a very modest increase and even a decrease depending on their assessment. CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig advised Council during their meeting last week that she had revisited the budget with staff and had been successful in reducing the draft budget from the initial estimates of a 2.45 percent increase to some extent. "Now, with a 2.24 increase in the budget overall, we will decrease the tax rate and properties that haven't increased more than 5 percent in assessment will actually see a decrease in taxes."

Deputy Reeve Mackie commented that the Council could be accused of having an election year budget, but Stoughton-Craig said that the municipality had done almost exactly the same the previous year.

The budget will be brought forward for adoption during the June Council meeting.

Council Congratulates Agricultural Society

Following up on the Wilberforce Agricultural Society's successful grant application to enhance facilities and conditions for their fall fair, Joanne Vanier appeared as a delegation to Council last to bring Council up to date and suggest a collaborative approach to improving the lighting at the fairgrounds.

Vanier advised Council that the grant would facilitate a children's entertainer, a band, buying a good used tent, acquiring four portable hand washing stations, signs, updating the website, install a new sound system for the horse draw and construct new bleachers. Vanier said, "Finally we would like to improve the lighting, particularly for the Friday night pony pull and we would like Council's permission to hire an electrician to install the lights."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said that she was speechless when it came to the improvements that would be made.

Councillor Gary Stoughton, who has been actively involved in the horse pulls commented that the lighting would improve the entire fair, but would be a real help for the pony pulls in the evening. "We're getting more teams all the time and we need better lighting on the track as well as the grounds."

Deputy Reeve Mackie commented on the benefits of having a tent set up on the grounds. After several questions about tendering the work and storage Council resolved to authorize the electrical work taking place.

Overall, visitors can look forward to a number of improvements to an already extremely popular event. ■



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For the sake of your pooch should be dental health month, so flip the lip and take a look at your pet's teeth. If you do not look, you will not know how bad it is. Veterinarians around the globe talk about proper oral hygiene to their clients all year but tend to stress it more at this time of year. It is estimated that 90 percent of adult pets have significant oral disease. Of that 90 percent, half of them need immediate attention.

It is not really surprising

that this is the case as pets have just as many teeth as people do, the same conditions that lead to tooth and gingival problems but dogs and cats do not brush their own teeth without our help.

Most people notice oral disease when the breath is bad or there are large chunks of tartar on the teeth, or they notice teeth falling out.

Plaque is the soft and almost invisible build up under and below the gum line. It is made up of bacteria (80 percent), saliva and food. It deposits on irregular surfaces more easily than smooth surfaces, a good reason not to pick off the tartar without polishing as the plaque build up is worse afterwards. Over time, minerals are added and the plaque hardens to form calculus or tartar. Smaller breed dogs are

more prone to tartar buildup. Poodles and toy breed dogs have the most buildup in the shortest time. Partly it is genetic, the enzymes in the mouth that help keep tartar down are at different levels in each breed, but partly it is also the food they eat and overcrowding and abnormal angulation of the teeth.

Inflammation of the gums occurs as the plaque and tartar accumulate on the surface of the tooth. This is gingivitis. The area between the tooth and the gums is the gingival sulcus. Debris deposits there and causes irritation and infection. If the process is left unchecked without any dental scaling and polishing (prophylaxis), the supporting structures of the tooth degenerate.

This is known as periodontal disease. Preventative dentistry should happen before any periodontal disease begins as it is difficult to stop the process once it has started. The gums separate from the tooth, deep pockets are formed, supporting alveolar bone recedes and the tooth becomes mobile. This is painful and may lead to tooth abscesses and tooth loss. As well as pain and discomfort, periodontal disease puts your pet at risk for other problems such as lung, kidney, heart, and joint infections. This occurs because bacteria get into the bloodstream (a process called bacteremia) just by eating. The gums will bleed often when eating allowing bacteria to gain access to the blood vessels. Two meals a day means 730 possible times bacteria can enter the bloodstream in one year. Even if it only happened 10 percent of the time, it would be very significant.

Home dental care is of great importance to the health of your pet. There are some animals that will not tolerate brushing of their teeth and there are even more animals that have significant tartar so brushing the tartar is not really effective until they have their teeth cleaned. The only way to clean the teeth is under a general anesthetic. Each tooth is then explored with a probe to map the depth of pockets (six point exam on every tooth). The tartar build up is hand scaled then we use ultrasonic scaling of the tooth and the sulcus or pocket below the gum line. This is the most important part of the cleaning as this is where the main disease process occurs. Polishing the tooth removes the microscopic scratches on the teeth that the cleaning causes. This is just as important as the scaling since without it, the tartar can actually build up faster. Dog and cat enamel is much thinner than human enamel so the surface of the tooth must be cleaned with care.

Starting on home dental care in your pup or kitten will reduce the number of anesthetics your pet requires in a life time and significantly improve their health. Why not start brushing today? Ask your veterinarian to show you how or go to www.avma.org/animal_health/npdhn/default.asp and there is a downloadable link for PC or Mac users with step by step instructions on how to get your pet to accept tooth brushing. Give it a try. ■



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Residents Oppose Boat Storage

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some worth as much as \$90,000."

Napoleone was not happy about boats coming in from other lakes, being hauled on trailers and creating more traffic and damage to the road. He asked "Is the town going to commit resources and revenue to maintain and resurface the road?"

Harrison, however argued that if there was more storage at the marina site, there would be more traffic. Napoleone argued that this would be the municipality's opportunity to control the additional traffic.

Councillor Diane Griffin reminded the audience that the current zoning would allow for the development of an asphalt plant or a public works shed without the need for rezoning. "Imagine the type of vehicles that would go on the road if that was the case. This rezoning application seems preferable."

One of the attendees in opposition later suggested that this particular comment and many others made by Council suggested that they had already made up their minds to approve the application, despite the valid concerns being raised and the level of opposition presented in person and in writing at the meeting.

Susan Walker Frank and Ann Napoleone, who were both opposed to the proposed development, voiced concerns about future expansion of the property. Frank asked, "What happens when you get to capacity. There's nothing stopping the property from being sold and there could be five or six 10,000 square foot units on the same property. That is a scary thought."

Napoleone also said, "There are other empty lots in the area. You won't be able to say no to other similar requests. It is the future that worries us all."

Harrison commented that each application must be considered on its own merit.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner was the first member of council to say that he shared some of the concerns being raised. "This really is a stand alone use and isn't ancillary to the marina as there are two properties and different owners."

As the issue of different owners was also raised by those in opposition, Corbett said, "It doesn't matter who owns or runs the operation. You have to look at the appropriate use in that location. You could tie the properties together by saying you will only allow boat storage for that marina, but I wouldn't recommend that."

Gardner suggested that he would like to see a site plan agreement in place for the property or split zoning and Corbett agreed that a site plan agreement might be beneficial but commented that there would be an additional cost to the

applicant. He also suggested that Council could cut down on the amount of open storage allowed.

Gardner asked if an environmental assessment was necessary and Corbett confirmed that the application did not meet the requirements for any environmental studies. "Council could request a study, but you should be diligent in your reasoning for that."

Council discussed the possibility of requiring that the building be placed on the upper level of the marina property, but it was generally agreed by the members that the vista off the lake would have an impact on even more cottagers.

Walisser felt that requiring a site plan agreement was overkill for the development he was proposing and an unnecessary expense. He suggested that he would like to confer with his partners and get back to Council. He later agreed to go ahead with the requirement for a site plan agreement if it would facilitate the development in a more timely fashion.

Harrison commented that she believed there was a need for additional boat storage and she would rather see it under a roof than sitting in shrink wrap out in the open.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said that she shared the public's concern about the future and said, "We have to find the best solution for both sides," adding that she would support a discussion on tightening up the zoning. She said, "I'd hate to read in the paper that what we did today became something ugly in the future. These people have legitimate concerns and I would like to find some middle ground."

The discussion continued for some time until Griffin suggested deferring the decision pending a draft site plan. Acknowledging that it might take several more meetings before the matter was settled, Council finally agreed that they would require a site plan and would make decisions about further restrictions or tailoring the required by-law after they had an opportunity to review the draft. Gardner also commented that he hoped that there would be an opportunity to work with a representative of the owners in the area.

At that point, Walisser rather heatedly commented that he had sent letters to area residents in good faith in an attempt to discuss their concerns. "But my attempts were rebuffed several times."

Gardner, however, commented that ultimately it was the Council that Walisser had to satisfy. ■

"We're trying to do the right thing." (Rob Walisser)

Have Your Say...
VOX POP

Opps.... Let's Try This One Again...

Over the two and a half year life of the County Voice, we have featured Vox Pops in almost every issue, and have yet to mis-identify or mis-quote any of our faithful readers who have cheerfully given us their opinions.

Until, that is, last week. We had the names and comments right, but switched the pictures. Apologies to Mary Carbone and Heather Poppe, and we hope we got it right this week.

Are you disappointed that the Watercolours Condominium development on Head Lake is set to be delayed? Do you think we need more townhouses or senior housing in the county?



Heather Poppe, Wilberforce



Mary Carbone, Haliburton

I am disappointed, they are definitely needed, this time last year they were putting such an emphasis on them. People must be waiting to get in there who wanted to buy a condo. We definitely need more townhouses and affordable housing too.

I'm not disappointed at all, they are vastly overpriced. They are not geared towards what the area actually needs. We need affordable housing and that's not it. We don't need luxury apartments, people are here for the outdoors, for God's country. We definitely need affordable housing for seniors. We need townhouses with elevators not granite work tops.

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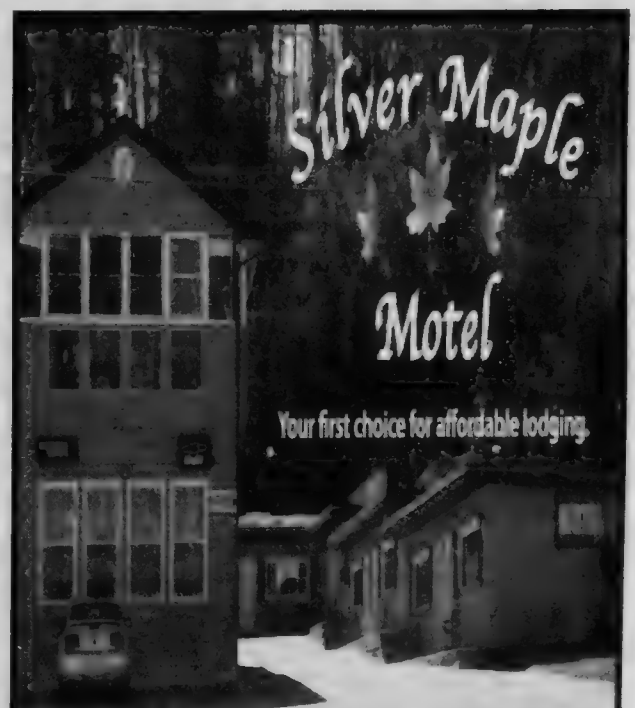
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Seasonal Visitors of the Feathered Kind

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

Seasonal visitors are not limited to the human variety. Although the arrival of robins is often the first indication of "bird tourist season", many of their brethren also arrive in the area to spend the summer, create families, or have a brief visit while passing through on the way to a more northerly destination.

This past couple of weeks Evening and Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks are sharing the backyard feeders with Purple and yellow Goldfinches which creates some interesting and entertaining interactions among visitors and seasonal residents. The jays and woodpeckers don't always take kindly to guests and often win bully status during brief turf battles.

A pair of loons was observed on the Gull River, something never seen from this yard in the past. As if doing their part for the economy, at least for the feed stores, multitudes of White-Crowned Sparrows have taken particular interest in the newly seeded lawn. Not far away, Herons await the arrival of their young. So another trip north has been successful for many, here's hoping they can make it past the Gulf oil spill on their autumn journey south. ■



From Top Left: a Blue Heron guards her nest; a Rose-Breasted Grosbeak pecks for food; a rare Loon sighting on the Gull; an early Hummingbird; an Evening Grosbeak checks out the competition; a Goldfinch eyes a tasty maple shoot; Goslings at play

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Dysart Municipal Summary

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Much Ado about Recycling

There were some pretty harsh words during the May 10th Dysart Council meeting when a dispute between the municipality and Ted Murphy about recycling, that had initially been discussed at least once during a closed session finally spilled over into an open session. Despite a recommendation by Reeve Murray Fearrey that the matter should remain in closed session given the involvement of identifiable individuals, Murphy insisted that the discussion be open and public. Unfortunately, given that the public was not privy to much of the discussion, the details explaining Murphy's diatribe remain a bit grey.

It sounded like Murphy had been accused of disposing of materials in an inappropriate manner initially by landfill attendants, and the situation eventually ended up at the Waste Management Advisory Committee. According to Murphy there had been some discrepancies about where the situation should be discussed, something that he had a problem with. He said, "I don't have anything to hide. I was at the landfill committee where they said they were not in a position to make any decisions, so here I am."

Murphy suggested that the taxpayers were wasting their money on committees, but Fearrey clarified that members of the committee were volunteers. To that Murphy countered that a fee was paid to Councillors. He went on to state that he had gone over documents from the municipality two times with both the secretary and Chair of the Waste Management Committee and suggested that there was no evidence in the documents to indicate that he had done anything wrong. "I believe that if you make allegations, the onus is on you to prove that I did something wrong and there is no proof that I have done anything."

Referring to comments made about wood chips, Murphy said, "I don't have a wood stove. Everything I have is propane, so where are the wood chips from? This is ridiculous and I think that Council owes me an apology."

Murphy went on to say that 80 percent of the people in the County are less than enchanted with their local politicians. "When you only get 25 percent of the people voting, it is clear that there is a problem. I pay my taxes and my wife and I have been harassed and are paying the bill for both our lawyers and your lawyers through our taxes."

Murphy went on to say that he planned to take an active role in the election in the hope that none of the existing Council would get elected.

Fearrey commented that Murphy's position about Council was clear, but added, "That will be up to the people to decide."

Fearrey also commented that it was basically a case of one person saying one thing, and another saying something else. "We weren't witnesses and you don't have any witnesses, so it is impossible to determine what is right and what is wrong, or whose side to take. We regret these kinds of situations and they don't happen often."

Fearrey went on to say that Murphy had spoken about closed session items and that the Council would not be discussing the matter openly any further.

One thing that was clear, was that no one in the room was particularly happy with the situation, with the possible exception of Murphy, who got to speak his piece.



reasons he couldn't divulge the number of officers involved. He did assure the Council that there would be no interruptions in service during that time, and no additional costs to the municipality as a result of the G8.

"We'll be glad when it's over," he said, "so we can get back to the business of summer."

Fire Losses Total Over One Million Dollars

During the last Council meeting, Fire Chief Miles Maughan reported that the two structural fires this month had brought the 2010 overall property loss up to just over one million dollars. Maughan said, "This is exceptional for this time of year," adding that given recent rains the risk of fire had not been a big concern.

Taking a Cooperative Approach to Bridge Inspections

The Ontario Good Roads Association and the Ministry of Transportation have entered into an agreement to manage funding to Ontario municipalities totalling \$750,000 to assist them in collecting and reporting data on the condition of their bridge structures. Municipalities have the ability to apply for a maximum of \$5,000 to match expenditures of their own to collect and compile bridge asset and condition data which has been legislated by the Ontario government. To this end, Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson told Council at their meeting on May 10th that he would be doing a survey this year and, in order to realize some cost savings, he would be working with the roads departments of County of Haliburton and Algonquin Highlands on the project. While the information will be reported individually for each municipality, the work will be tendered collectively. Council agreed with this approach and passed a resolution authorizing the work to go forward. ■

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Public OPP Visibility Improved in Village of Haliburton

Staff Sergeant Malcolm Quigley had nothing but thanks for Dysart Council for the OPP's new office in the Village of Haliburton. The OPP have moved into the old library next to the municipal office and Quigley said that it gave them much higher visibility in the village, particularly given their proximity to so many social and recreational facilities. Quigley said that he hopes to have an open

house in the near future to let the public know where they can be found. This, he said, would be consistent with the OPP's high visibility, open access policy and he hoped they could plan the event for a fair weather day. Quigley said that it had been a quick and easy transition into their new digs which are much preferable to their old location.

Quigley also voiced his disappointment in having to cancel their public meeting which had been planned for that night. According to Quigley some of their presenters were unavailable during May but he suggested that it might be beneficial to hold the session in August in an effort to draw in some of the seasonal people.

Reeve Fearrey commented that he wanted to be able to draw on families with students and suggested that something around Labour Day might be better timing.

Quigley said that their public session created familiarity with local officers and helped to empower the community. "This will be old stuff, presented in a new way. If we can gain the eyes and ears of the community, confidence in the community grows."

"There's no secret that property crime is high in the area and our presentation identifies what to do to street proof your home and what not to do," he said adding that there are numerous drug problems with local youth and the OPP would like to educate and increase awareness about drugs with both the kids and their parents. Fearrey agreed, saying that was why it was critical for parents to attend.

Fearrey inquired about the upcoming G8 and its impact on the area. Quigley, however, said that it was a high security situation and information for the public remains limited. He confirmed that the detachment would be supplying officers for the week surrounding the G8, but added that for security

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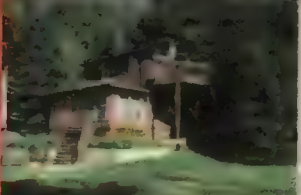


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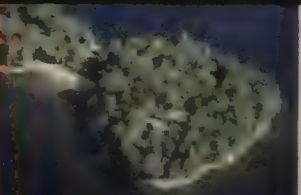


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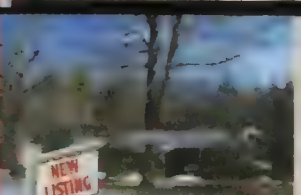


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This 3 bdrm./2 bath cottage sits on a level lot with western exposure, sand shoreline, end of road privacy and features stone fireplace, pine accents, cathedral ceilings, main floor family room, main floor bedroom and bath.....all of this on a 3 lake chain for your boating pleasure!

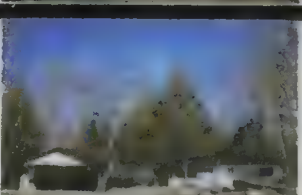


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Redstone - \$225,000

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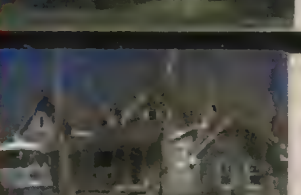


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Tourism Town Hall Meeting a Blockbuster

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

**"The meeting was fabulous."
(Sally Moore)**

Sally Moore is pretty stoked about the success of the Tourism Town Hall meeting held last week and she should be. As many as 120 people gathered to focus their thoughts on tourism, mostly representing various facets of the tourism industry throughout the Haliburton Highlands but also including local artists, media and not for profit organizations and very solid representation by local politicians. And the room was abuzz with positive energy and ideas.

Moore said that a lot of people put a lot of hard work into preparing for the meeting and the attendance was proof that they had done a good job. "The meeting was fabulous," said Moore. "To have that many business people and politicians take the time out of their busy schedules was absolutely wonderful."

But Moore didn't hesitate to say that there is a lot of work to do following up on the meeting. As many as 150 ideas were brought forward about what can be done to build name recognition and present a lasting positive image for the Haliburton Highlands; to get people to rave about the Haliburton Highlands as a destination and a place that they can't wait to return to. These ideas weren't just limited to tourism oriented business, but were food for thought for individuals living within the Haliburton Highlands, for individual businesses and the business sector as a whole, for the villages and hamlets, the municipalities and for the County itself to consider.

The meeting was called by the executive of Haliburton Tourism, a group of area accommodators. But it received no small amount of support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the County of Haliburton, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Council.

The goal? To brand the Haliburton Highlands so its own unique identity is recognized as a destination point and not just the western edge of the Ottawa Valley Tourism Region that it has become a part of.

HCDC's Jim Blake facilitated the meeting and did an excellent job of keeping energy levels high, the momentum going and, despite the work that was achieved, kept the meeting on schedule.

Bob Smith, Haliburton County's Director of Economic Development and Tourism gave an update on the establishment of the Ottawa Valley Regional Tourism Organization. In describing the various members of the RTO, Smith said, "We're all in the same boat. No one has remained an entity unto themselves and all of the members have the same potential to lose their identity. The province has funded over 220 tourism organizations and they're all trying to survive, while realizing that it's not practical."

Smith said that Haliburton would continue to receive equal, if not additional marketing dollars from within the region and that the opportunities to continue to promote the Haliburton Highlands or work with traditional partners remains the same as before. Smith explained the two components to tourism funding; the first being a base amount of \$500,000 for Region 11 and the second being a percentage based on fixed roof accommodations which brought the total funding available for the Region to approximately \$850,000.

Smith acknowledged that there are still a lot of grey areas about the distribution of money, but said that the province would be carefully monitoring funding allocations to ensure that there is a balance.

According to Smith, statistics show that most of Haliburton's tourism market comes from Ontario, and specifically from the GTA and Golden Horseshoe area. Interestingly enough, when asked during a unique electronic survey conducted during the meeting, tourism operators confirmed that most of their visitors and business originated out of the GTA.

Smith talked about the destination guides and maps that the County produce and their importance to improving tourism throughout the Haliburton Highlands. He reviewed the County's tourism budget and provided an update on work completed on electronic and print media initiatives to promote the County.

"What do we need to do to promote the Haliburton Highlands," he asked. First and foremost, Smith said that everyone in the County needs to talk to people, promote the area, use the guides and encourage people to visit some of the unique places within the Haliburton Highlands. He suggested that people consider partnerships and encouraged everyone to check out the www.haliburtonholidays.com website to see what they might want to add.

A number of questions were raised about the distribution of tourism funding and about area statistics, which were felt to be somewhat lacking when it came to actual numbers for Haliburton County and seriously outdated when it came to numbers from the province. Questions were raised about distribution of tourism dollars within the county and the ratio of wages to actual programs and concerns were raised about the condition of the Information Centre, something that Smith said would be under consideration over the next several months.

Blake then conducted an electronic survey which included questions on business trends, revenue generation, clientele and where they come from, promotional or marketing tools used and trends, the availability of internet services, whether or not there was collaboration between businesses and what things had the greatest impact on area businesses.

Part of the discussion included questions on how people described where they came from, whether it was the County, a lake community, a geographic village or a particular municipality and forty percent said they referred to the County as a whole as their home. Questions were also raised about extent to which the area is recognized as the Haliburton Highlands and 48 percent of those in attendance felt that recognition was only moderate. Attendees were also asked if they used the County's logo to assist in branding and identifying the area and 76 percent said that they didn't.

Moore, however, commented that one thing had been missed. "The businesses were asked to report whether their income had increased or decreased. There were a lot of retail, restaurants, food and other businesses whose answers reflected that there was an increase; but the heads and beds folks who were running the meeting were hoping to get a sense of how that particular sector was doing. While the politicians may read something into the survey results that is contrary, there are still businesses struggling within the county."

Moore also suggested that the poor use of the County's logo was significant when it came to branding. "If we are to be forward thinking, I would hope that the County would be inviting businesses and those that have websites and print material to use their logo. That would be an extremely positive step."

Blake then led the room through several exercises of describing the Haliburton Highlands as if they were talking to a potential visitor, identifying the unique features of the Haliburton Highlands

and what could be done at all levels to build name recognition and make people want, not only to visit the area, but to come back again and again.

Moore said, "There were some fabulous ideas presented which will be collated and put into a document by Jim Blake and his support people and then distributed to everyone who was in attendance."

Moore couldn't say enough about the support provided by HCDC, Andy Campbell and Jim Blake. "It was a contribution to the County that we should be very proud of."

It is Moore's sincere hope that people will be willing to seize upon and utilize some of the ideas put forward whether they represent a business, a municipality, a local committee, a local BIA or a Chamber of Commerce.

As to what comes next, Moore suggests that a small and strategically selected committee should be established to look at the results of the meeting and decide where to go from there. She said, "This is just the beginning of the process. The meeting was held in May while people are looking at what their summer will be like."

Moore suggested that many businesses are preparing for what is ahead and will likely try to look at getting some of the easier 'hands on' things in place, leaving some of the suggestions for a more in depth review during the fall and winter.

"In the meantime, we should be building on the logo 'Haliburton highlands; A Work of Art' logo. Haliburton County may have borders, but the Haliburton Highlands doesn't have any real boundaries. It is a tourism destination of its own that is part of the Canadian Shield."

Moore also suggested that local media may have missed something. "If you look at the mastheads or listen to their banter they should be talking about us as the Haliburton Highlands. We all have to think beyond our borders and be talking Haliburton Highlands if we want the vision to catch on and let people know where and what we are."

Moore said it was a matter of 'getting your own house in order' so the media and those reading or listening will use the same language. "Wouldn't it be fabulous if some local early riser got up at 5:30 every morning and sent an e-mail to the newspapers and TV or radio stations in the south, letting them know what's happening here. Then maybe a regular snippet of information would become part of their broadcast. Last winter people in Toronto had absolutely no snow and, beyond our emergency in December, no one let them know that we had snow suitable for cross country skiing or all kinds of winter activities."

Again, Moore commented on the hours of work by a number of people and offered her thanks not only to them but to the business people and local politicians who understand the need of the community, shuffled their schedules and set time aside to attend what she called a powerful and wonderful meeting. ■



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Pete Bonell of Powassan, ON, with his Toucan Ultralight. The aircraft was factory built in 1986, but Bonell has since completed extensive modifications. With twin 50 hp Rotax 503 engines, the plane is capable of 85 mph speeds, and cruises between 65-70 mph. Bonell is a retired air force technician and amateur pilot who first discovered Stanhope Airport during a camping trip to the area.

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Lyn Winans

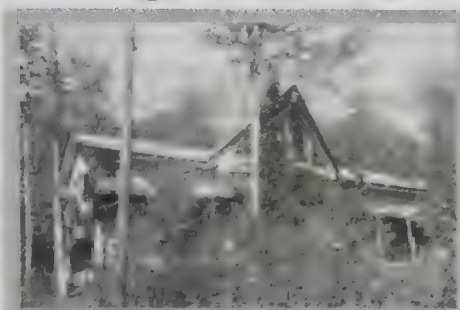


Stanhope Airport was host to a pancake breakfast fly-in this past weekend. Although Saturday's weather wasn't very cooperative, Sunday was just the opposite. Pilots from various locations in Ontario stopped in to enjoy a bite to eat, chat with fellow pilots and answer questions posed by interested spectators. At about noon on Sunday an MNR helicopter stole the show when it touched down to pick up fire crews and their gear. The annual Young Eagle's event is scheduled at Stanhope Airport the weekend of June 5th & 6th. ■

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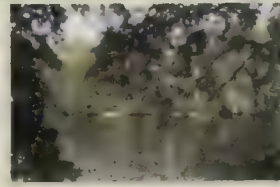
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Lipsy Lake - West Shore Rd.

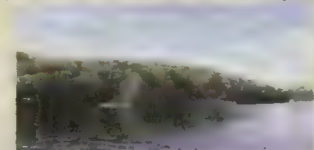
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Red Hawk Track n' Fielders Show Well at Kawartha Championships



Twins Brigitta and Ali Hicks pose with their 1st place trophy at last year's Legion track meet.

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

As expected, a pair of rookies to the track and field wars at Haliburton High rose to the occasion when it counted.

Ali and Brigitta Hicks are twins imbued with more than a modicum of athletic skills, and they also possess a work ethic and desire to succeed that has impressed their track coach Paul Morissette this season.

Their talent became very obvious during their tenure at JD Hodgson Elementary School. Last year at the elementary school track finals the dynamic duo went home with a lion's share of awards.

This year, at their first Kawartha Zone High School track and field championships, the Hicks girls were superb once again.

"Probably the highlight of the meet were the performances of Ali and Brigitta," said coach Morissette. "They each had a first place and a second place."

Ali set a meet record in 80 meter midget girls' hurdles and Brigitta came second in that same event. Ali also

placed first in the 200 meters and second in the 300 hurdles. Brigitta, along with her silver in the 80 meter hurdles also came second in the triple jump with a nice 9.50 meter effort.

"They had a real good meet, and we're expecting that they'll both do well at the COSSA meet this week," said Morissette.

Of course, the Kawartha meet is just the first step in a process of eliminations moving from COSSA at Belleville's Bruce Faulds Track and Field complex today (May 20) and on to the East Ontario meet next week (also in Belleville) and culminating in the OFSAA provincial track and field finals, which this year will be held in London at the University of Western athletic complex from June 3-5.

The process of eliminations and the talent pool gets ever deeper as we slide into the East regionals that always include the de rigueur segment of elite athletes from Quinte and the Ottawa region both of which maintain ongoing and year-round track programs mentored by some pretty fair former Olympians like Canadian sprinter (and once budding bobsledder) Glenroy Gilbert who works with sprinters and jumpers out of the Ottawa Lion's Club.

Morissette said that they're nonetheless expecting a good number of the remaining athletes to advance from COSSA to the East Regionals on May 27 and 28.

The coach added that while the midget girls segment was perhaps the highlight of the meet, all



of the other Red Hawk athletes had a very good day of competition at Peterborough last Thursday (May 13).

"We had 45 kids at the meet and 42 qualified for the COSSA meet in one event or another," said Morissette, who offered kudos for all of his athletes. "Of that group, we're expecting that 15 to 20 will advance to the Eastern Ontario meet."

Ali and Brigitta, along with Sandy Griffith and Sara Comer were also a part of the winning midget 4 by 100 relay team and that foursome should also do well at COSSA today.

Griffith won a silver in the long jump and placed third in the triple jump. She was strong finished the midget.

In other age groups Sam Tallman won gold in junior girls discus, placed third in javelin and finished fourth in shot put. Christianna Walker had a steady day with three third place finishes in the 100 M hurdles, 400 hurdles and the pole vault. Tessa Iles won gold in the junior girls pole vault.

On the boys side, Drew Paul had a good day, finishing with a gold silver and bronze. Paul placed first in the 110 M hurdles second in the 400 M hurdles and third in long jump.

Another young up and comer, junior Andrew Murray won gold in the 100 M hurdles bronze in the 300 M hurdles and placed first in javelin.

"Murray is a very good athlete," said Morissette. It should be noted that Murray also rose to many occasions on the hardwood this season toiling admirably for coach Paul Longo as a member of the junior boys hoops squad.

Matt Rae, a steady presence and stalwart on the Red Hawk hockey team, won the senior discus and placed second in shot put.

Another basketballer, senior Jesse Lefevre moved on to COSSA with a fourth in triple jump and impressed Morissette in this his first foray into track and field.

Alex McMaster had a second in the sprint hurdles and fourth in distance (400 M) hurdles.

Zane Zondervan placed second in discus third in pole vault.

"By and large we had a pretty good showing," said Morissette.

Big shout out to coach Bruce Griffith who accompanied the team to Peterborough filling in for an injured coach Walt Tose and a Karen Gervais who is on maternity leave.

In girls soccer coach Amy Klose's senior girls finished their season at home last Wednesday with a 1-1 tie with St. Thomas Aquinas.

Klose's team did not make it to the Kawartha West playdowns, but she said her girls really showed up when it counted and despite a pretty disappointing season. The senior girls finished with two draws and two points on the season.

Better things on the horizon next year however as the large junior contingent coached by Judi Paul qualified for the Kawartha West final versus Brock in Cannington on Monday (May 17). ■

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Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort Announces Sweeping Changes

Mountain Biking and scenic tours available on Victoria Day weekend

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

Learning to ski at Sir Sam's just got a whole lot easier.

And somewhere, here in cottage country, a faithful cognoscente of aging, bent and ravaged ski instructors are rejoicing; tossing their back pain medication into the loo; and hoisting their beverage of choice to the dappled heavens.

Yes, Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort announced this week that they will be removing the old T-Bar, relocating the handle tow and installing a state-of-the-art twin segment standing lift that will allow skiers, boarders and eventually mountain bike enthusiasts to ride to the top of the Cash Register in relative comfort, bereft of herky-jerky manifestations of the handle tow and the unkind and disconcerting recoils of the outdated T-Bar.

A press release filled with just the right amount of hyperbole - emanating from ski school director and summer program manager Dave Webb - explains how this new lift will shift the demographic of the four season resort.

"Sir Sam's will now be able to better meet the needs of entry level clientele of all ages," says Webb. "This state-of-the-art covered magic carpet surface lift will easily and efficiently transport beginners up to the half way point of the hill or all the way to the top."

For a unique glimpse at the unique lift, you may want to visit the COMPAC site at compac.bz.it. The moving rubberized "sidewalk" from the Italian company is a grand improvement on the first hamstrung efforts at magic carpets - moving treadmills that transport people by way of a rubberized conveyor - which were well-intentioned but prone to numerous breakdowns occurring largely from the buildup of snow and ice in the mechanisms.

Such magic carpet devices are vastly improved today and used to great effect at large resorts like Mont Tremblant to get new skiers to the top of the hill with as little fuss and disappointment as possible.

"The [Sir Sam's] lift will be in two stages," explains Webb. "The first being 166 meters long will transport skiers and snowboarders approximately half way up the hill and the second being 199 meters long will take customers all the way to the top. The lift will operate every day to service the beginner market needs and also service summer operations for downhill and cross country mountain bikers. The riders will simply step onto the carpet while holding onto the bike at their side.

"What makes this lift unique is the domed Plexiglas cover. It will protect riders from harsh winds and snow and offer a climate controlled peaceful and user friendly atmosphere. An existing handle lift will be relocated to a gentler slope. Terrain changes will also be made to accommodate the beginner market."

(At present, the quad chair has been mobilized for bike carrying duties in the summer, but once the new lift is in operation the bike transport will be moved to the new lift. This will save on subsequent insurance costs which are high with the chair transport and considerably lower through the use of a moving sidewalk technology.)

Webb and resort co-owner Chris Bishop are extremely excited about the prospect of this new lift and Webb stresses that it will contribute to Sir Sam's growing reputation as a true four-season destination.

Mostly he's interested in the possibilities of turning Sir Sam's ski area into a truly user-friendly place for beginners of all ages.

The most troubling ordeal in any first foray into skiing or boarding is that first ride to the top.

The new lift at Sir Sam's is destined to provide a new level of comfort and security for beginner skiers and boarders at the resort.

Webb is excited about the prospects.

Webb, a level three instructor, coach and snowboard pro has dedicated his life to teaching skiers of all levels and he explains that the new lift will be a boon to instructors and also to newcomer4s to the sport of boarding and skiing.

"According to Canadian Ski Counsel surveys only 15 percent of first time skiers ever try the sport again due to a negative first experience," explains Webb. "Falling off lift, (a huge negative with the old rope-handle tow on a fairly steep slope), being scared by height on chairlifts, going on slopes not suited for beginners and not taking a lesson are the main reasons for this negative first impression. The addition of this new lift will go a long way to improve this percentage."

Of course Sir Sam's Ski and Summer is also gearing up for another full and stellar season of mountain biking activity beginning this coming May long weekend.

Sir Sam's resort will be open May 22 and 23 for the Victoria Day Weekend. The Chalet will provide a lunch menu on Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Quad Chair will be operating for Scenic tour rides and for the Downhill Mountain Riders to access the new trails.

And speaking of new trails. Webb says that Sir Sam's has been busy upgrading their already comprehensive series of trails with some new tweaks and peaks.

"We started in the summer of 2009, and the resort now offers riders the choice of 10 km of cross country and six km of downhill riding for all level of riders," explains Webb. "Our newly cut 1.5 km gravity run (Python) named for it's snake-like winding down the hill and forest offers banked turns, whoops and berms that will excite all riders. Also new are two km of single and double black

diamond downhill runs through hard wood forests and over rock face drop offs that will challenge intermediate and experienced riders. The chairlift operates five days per week (Wednesday through Sunday) to transport bike and rider to the top of the hill."

Webb adds that, "a Pump track (Hogies Humps) has been built at the top of the hill that features, jumps, whoops and berms for the younger riders."

And this season Algonquin Outfitters has teamed up with the resort and offers bike rental, repair and a retail outlet for clothing, accessories and bike sales. "Well known rider and technician Fraser Newton (who runs with Winterdance Dog Sled Tours in the winter months) hangs out here in the summer to offer expert service and riding technique," says Webb. "The resort hosted its first O-CUP downhill race last August with 175 riders competing on the final race day. Sir Bikealot Racing has confirmed another O-CUP event July 17 and 18. This year's course will provide even more challenge and thrills. An eight-hour cross country event is also planned for August as well as the Friday night house series races sponsored by Algonquin Outfitters."

Webb and Bishop are inviting all interested cottagers and cyclists to come up to visit this weekend.

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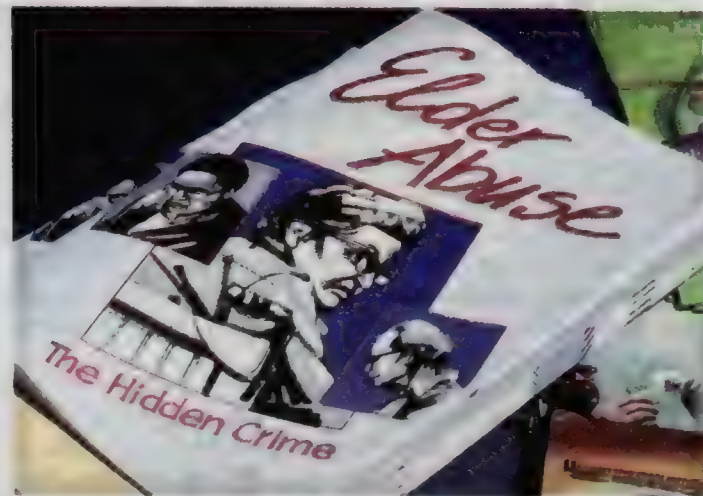
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Probation and Parole Services and OPP Host BBQ

In an effort to raise awareness of elder abuse and neglect, Probation and Parole Services members, along with OPP staff, hosted a BBQ lunch at the Minden MNR facility in late April. Proceeds from the BBQ will go to Hyland Crest and Highland Wood long-term care facilities. ■



left to right - OPP Staff Sergeant Malcolm Quigley, OPP Detective Sandy Adams, probation officer Jared Harrington, area probation manager Joe Woodgate, probation secretary Kim Vader, OPP community services officer Mark McMaster, probation officer Terry Goodwin, OPP Superintendent of Central Region Hugh Stevenson



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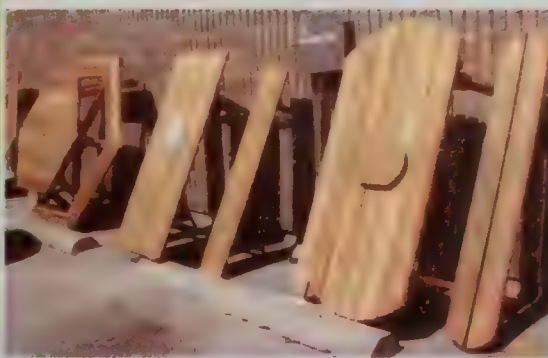
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A Year of Firsts for Theatre Company

Board Looks Towards Eleventh Season of 'Doing Something Dramatic'

By Mark Arike

In 2009, the Highlands Summer Festival marked an important milestone when it entered its tenth season as an established performing arts organization in the Highlands. It was also the first full season in which the group transitioned itself from being an independent entity into a not-for-profit charitable organization.

In the eyes of the organization's president, Jack Brezina, it was a season that was "successful in many ways." In his annual general report to the festival's board of directors recently at the Rails End Gallery, Brezina touched on some of the memorable moments of 09' as well the considerable changes the organization went through – both during the good and the challenging times.

What has proven to be a big asset to the Summer Festival is its association with the Highlands Opera Studio – a not-for-profit group that provides advanced operatic experience to a select group of talented young professionals right in Haliburton. The opera group, now entering its fourth season, involves many of the same key players who also contribute to running the Summer Festival's shows.

"The Opera Studio, in its third year last season, is acquiring a reputation and recognition that will stand it in good stead as it evolves in the future," reported Brezina.

Together, the Summer Festival and Opera Studio attracted over 70 per cent average attendance with many shows in the upper 80 per cent range. In terms of dollars, Summer Festival ticket sales exceeded sales in 2008 by just over \$21,000, according to the 2009 unaudited financial statement. Opera Studio tickets sales were right around the same as the previous year, hovering around the \$18,000 mark.

Brezina indicated that the two groups managed to balance the books, but just barely, borrowing from an earlier surplus to cover a small deficit.

"As a not-for-profit organization, breaking even, to my mind, is a minimal expectation," said Brezina. "Quite frankly, I would be more comfortable generating a modest surplus each season to

set aside for contingencies or major capital expenditures."

In total, the company is approaching a half million dollars in expenses and income.

"We are a significant part of the summer economy in the Highlands," added Brezina.

One of the other firsts for the company in 09' was that its application for the Canada Summer

Jobs program – a Government of Canada initiative that provides funding for student job opportunities – was approved. As a result, one theatre tech from Haliburton and two stage managers from Toronto were hired.

"It is a great program because it allows us to provide a position for a student in his or her chosen field, in a professional situation," explained Brezina in an interview. "Their experience here would be valuable upon their return to school and/or on their resume in getting a job."

As far as the crossover to becoming a charitable company goes, the board of directors deemed the change to be worthwhile, even amidst new challenges.

"The first year meant a steep learning curve," Brezina told The Voice, "and I think the board is definitely getting its feet under it."

As a charity, the company has the potential to acquire more funds and sources of funding. For instance, foundations that are set up by banks and other companies could now donate to the Summer Festival and the Opera Studio. Smaller donors can also benefit with tax receipts for their contributions, which they can use as tax deductions. As not-for-profit groups, they also can access

a variety of government and private programs that support the arts.

At Sunday's meeting, Brezina went on to thank the key people and organizations that have greatly supported the livelihood of the entire theatre company over the past year.

"Thank you all for another great season and we look forward to doing something dramatic again this summer," he said.

Interested in what the upcoming season has in store? Visit www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca and www.highlandsoperastudio.com for the full line-up and box office information. ■



Haliburton School of The Arts and OCAD Partner to Open Doors for Arts Students

Graduates of the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program at the Haliburton School of The Arts are now eligible to apply for Advanced Standing into the second year of the Faculty of Art at OCAD.

"One of our key goals is to ensure that our graduates have the experience and credentials to access further education within the arts," said Sandra Dupret, Principal of the Haliburton School of The Arts. "We are delighted by the opportunity presented through this agreement with OCAD that enables us to provide further opportunities for our graduates."

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Haliburton Forest Celebrates Research

Wires, Biomass, Biochar: Just what's up in the Woods?

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and operator of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, hosted a day-long "Celebration of Research" to bring the public and interested scientists and forestry technicians up to speed on the latest activities in the vast, 60,000 acre Reserve. For many years the Forest Reserve has been co-operating with scientists from Europe and North America to establish the Forest as a centre for research. "The research that's being conducted is in fact very practical," says Schleifenbaum. "It will have a significant impact on how we conduct how business here, and how other foresters and woodlot managers conduct theirs in the future."

Schleifenbaum then welcomed Dominik Stangler of the University of Freiburg in Germany to discuss his "Wired Trees" project. "The name was actually invented by Peter," said Stangler. "But it also applies, since our experiments involve electrically calculating the impact of environmental changes on forest growth. In our plot here at the Forest Reserve we are constantly measuring changes in the cell size and composition of Yellow Birch and Sugar Maples in what's known as an Dendroecology experiment. Both is the Haliburton plot and the ones we operate in the Black Forest in Germany, we're interested to see just exactly the impact of prolonged drought, for example, has on growth patterns."

In essence Mr. Stangler is providing foresters and the forestry industry with new tools to gauge precisely how to manage their forests under a wide variety of changing conditions. Ultimately, the many kilometres of wires that stretch through the five acres of forest being studied in Haliburton could influence everything from thinning practices to the possible changes in forest composition that climate change may make necessary.

Next up was the Ministry of Natural Resources' Trevor Jones, a hardwood ecosystem research scientist, who, along with University of Toronto Graduate student Derek Wolf, who talked about some new research they're conducting into the uses of biomass (essentially all the parts of the living organisms in the forest, mainly of course wood, but also the offshoots that can be produced such as alcohol fuels and hydrogen gas.)

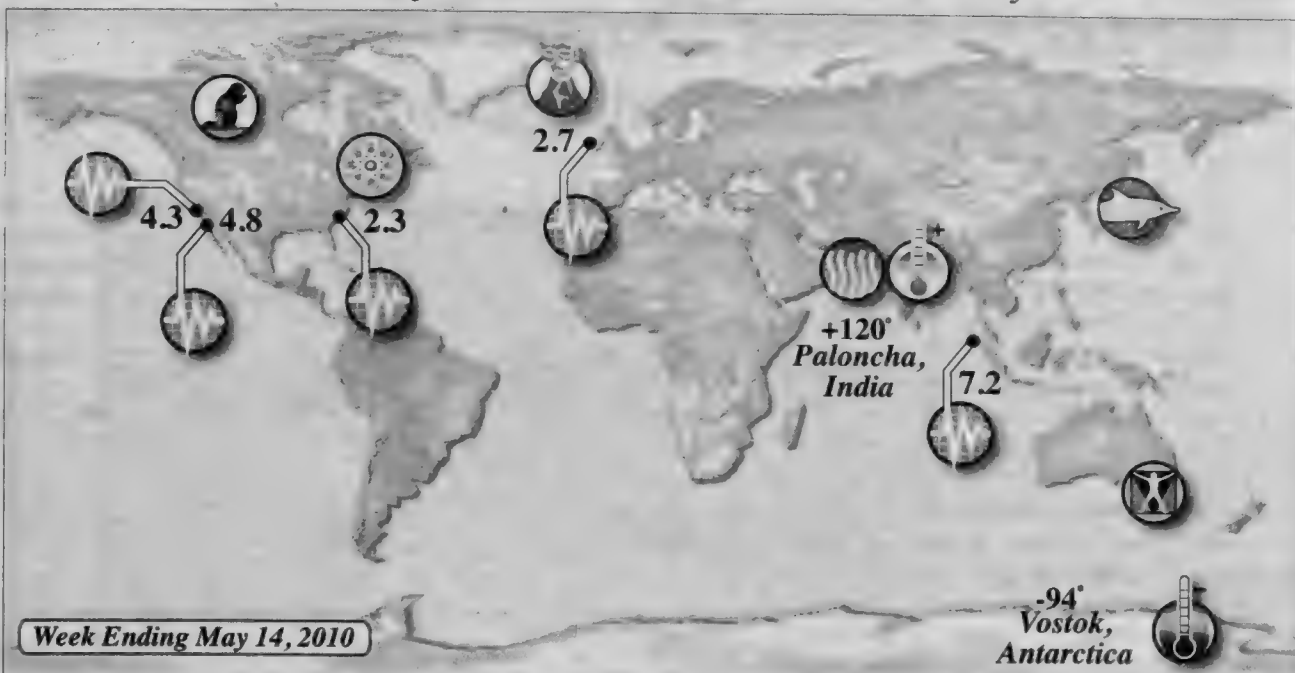
The use of the forest's biomass in producing other forms of energy has been one of the Ontario Government's projects for the past few years: the idea of using all the products from the forest to produce electricity isn't exactly new, but this is the first time the impact on the forest and the practicality of using the biomass has been studied. Derek Wolf described his research into the harvesting of hardwood stands that weren't currently thought to be of commercial use, for example. He pointed out that in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence forests, which run roughly from Lake Ontario north and west to Algonquin Park and Georgian Bay, including Haliburton, only about nine percent of the biomass available is currently harvested. When you consider the existing extension transportation infrastructure of roads, and the area's energy needs, in contrast to the vast expanses of boreal forests to the north, you can see how much sense some more sustainable harvesting might make.

These research projects into the use of the forest's biomass are by no means complete. There are many questions surrounding the work, including judging the effect on the forest of using all the slash, stumps, etc. which when left alone provide needed nutrients to the forest soil. But the project is one more example of how science is determined to contribute to our overall knowledge of this precious resource, and of how the Forest Reserve is a world-leader in the field.

(Please see Peter Schleifenbaum's accompanying column on the future of our forests.)

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Nuclear Ban



The five main nuclear powers have reaffirmed their countries' intentions to refrain from conducting any further nuclear tests. The United States, France, Britain, China and Russia have observed a moratorium on nuclear testing since 1996. India and Pakistan last tested in 1998 and North Korea exploded a very small device just under a year ago. At a month-long gathering at the U.N. on nuclear non-proliferation, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed impatience on passage of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. "It has been 15 years since the treaty was opened for signature. How long must we wait?" Ban asked. Once ratified by all signatories, it would ban all future nuclear explosions worldwide.

Dolphin Eaters Poisoned



Residents of a Japanese village made infamous in the Oscar-winning documentary "The Cove" for slaughtering and eating dolphins and whales have been found to be contaminated with high levels of methylmercury. The National Institute for Minamata Disease made the discovery after taking hair samples from about a third of Taiji's residents. Microscopic organisms convert inorganic mercury into methylmercury, which accumulates up the food chain in fish, fish-eating animals and people. Analysis of the hair samples revealed that Taiji men had mercury contamination 4.5 times higher than the average of 14 other regions in Japan. Taiji's women had levels about four times higher than the average. A total of 43 of the 1,137 people tested had concentrations exceeding the level recognized by the World Health Organization as having the potential to cause neurological damage. No health problems could immediately be linked to the contamination.

Icelandic Eruption



Ash from Iceland's erupting Eyjafjallajökull volcano caused further flight disruptions and cancellations as clouds of the volcanic debris drifted as far south as North Africa and eastward to Turkey. Airports were closed for several hours in Morocco and parts of southern Spain due to the ash hazard. The British Meteorological Office says it can now more accurately pinpoint areas where ash concentrations could damage aircraft engines, allowing for more limited closing of air space. Icelandic scientists say swarms of earthquakes about 11 to 12 miles beneath Eyjafjallajökull mean that magma is still flowing into the volcano from the Earth's mantle.

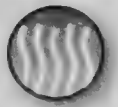
Earthquakes



Residents in the Indonesian province of Aceh rushed into the streets as a 7.2 magnitude quake rocked the quake-weary Sumatra region. A tsunami alert was issued briefly after the powerful jolt, but was canceled once instruments failed to detect any significant change in sea level.

• Earth movements were also felt in western parts of Ireland, coastal South Carolina, along the California-Mexico border and in interior parts of Southern California to the north of metropolitan Los Angeles.

India Bakes



Some of South Asia's hottest pre-monsoon weather in 20 years has killed more than 125 people in India alone and left many city streets deserted. Afternoon temperatures between 106 and 119 degrees Fahrenheit were common from central India to the heart of Pakistan, with forecasters predicting little relief anytime soon.

H1N1 Seaweed Block



Australian scientists say they have discovered a naturally occurring compound found in seaweed from off the coast of Tasmania that can prevent infection by the H1N1 strain of influenza. Helen Fitton of Marinova Laboratories says the "fucoidan" compound blocks the virus's ability to use receptors to get into cells. "With swine flu already becoming resistant to some other antiviral agents, we believe that the extract — known as Maritech 926 — offers a potent, natural alternative which supports the immune system against viral attacks," Fitton told reporters. Marinova managing director Paul Garrett says he expects the compound will be used in nasal sprays, hand washes and tablets once human trials are completed.

Beaver Mega-Dam



A Canadian scientist says he has discovered what is likely the world's largest beaver dam — a structure so huge it can be seen from space. Ecologist Jean Thie said he located the 2,800-foot dam on the southern edge of Alberta's Wood Buffalo National Park by using satellite images displayed with Google Earth software. By comparing the latest images with historic aerial photographs of the park, Thie says several generations of beavers have probably added on to the dam since construction began in the mid-1970s. The dam is in such a remote and overgrown area of the park that reaching it by foot is nearly impossible. But an overflight by park personnel confirmed the dam's existence and size. The previous record holder for the world's largest beaver dam was a 2,140-foot structure near Three Forks, Mont.

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'Featured Artist' Tara Gilchrist

Young Entrepreneurial Artist is Proud to Call Dorset Home

By Mark Arike

For Tara Gilchrist, art has always played a special role in her life. From the time that she was a little girl to adulthood, that creative relationship has been maintained and grown to the point where it's present from the moment she wakes up to the time that the lights go off.

At just 29-years-old, Gilchrist is demonstrating a level of enthusiasm and business sense that is quite remarkable for someone her age. Over the past two years, this Toronto native purchased a historic building in the heart of Dorset, transformed it into a fresh studio space and as a result, added to the already growing vibrant arts scene in the area.

"My business plan in high school was to be a cottage potter," explains Gilchrist from Chetolah Fresh Air Studio, located on Harvey Avenue. "This has been a dream that I didn't fully see happening, but subconsciously in my mind, it was what I always wanted."

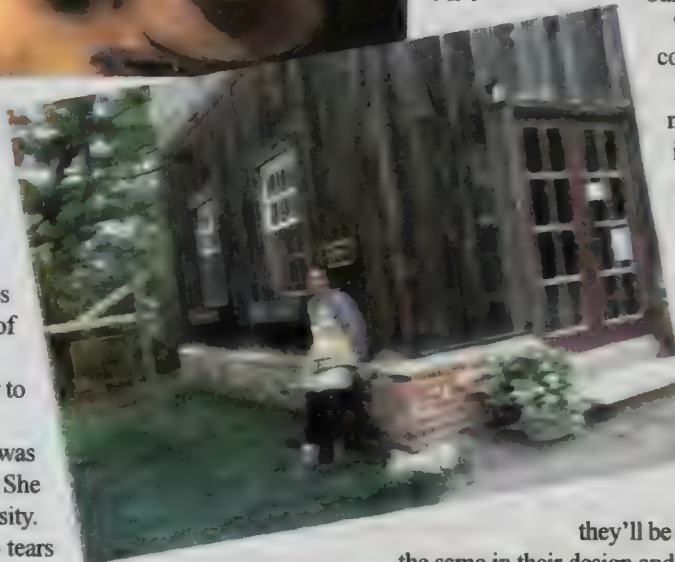
When Gilchrist was a little girl, her parents placed her and brother into art classes outside of regular school hours. It was then that she worked with a variety of mediums and found the one she would truly fall in love with.

"Since then I have always been into clay," she says. "It was where I learned how to throw on the wheel."

After playing around with clay in her primary and high school years, she was encouraged (by her art class peers) to pursue postsecondary studies in the arts. She took that advice and enrolled at The Nova Scotia College of Art & Design University.

"I didn't think I would get in [to the college] ... when I found out, I burst into tears because I was so happy."

After finishing with a bachelor in fine arts in 2005, she returned to Toronto and worked various odd jobs – like many recent graduates do. Soon, the whole cottage potter concept



came back to mind when she thought about the cottage her parents owned in a little place up north called Dorset.

With the endorsement of her parents, Gilchrist took her kiln to the cottage and set-up shop.

"I put my studio inside a small screened-porch," she says, while gesturing to indicate the size of the small confines she worked within.

One year ago, she learned that the historic barn building on Harvey Avenue was up for sale. At the time, Gilchrist approached the owner to see if he would consider renting her the space. Surprisingly, he warmed up to the idea and gave her the go-ahead.

"I got the keys on my Birthday – April 13," she recalls.

Along with the help of friends and family, she has made many upgrades to the building and continues to do so.

"In the past year it has seen a ton of changes; I'm constantly adding to it and doing more work."

Through what she considers to be "some sort of miracle", Gilchrist took ownership of the building in October of last year. And now, there seems to be no looking back.

"This really is my full-time career, and I'm really in it now," she laughs.

At her studio, Gilchrist connects with the natural surroundings to create what she calls "relaxed and truly unique" pottery. That means you won't find any two items that are exactly identical; this artist believes in variety and creating something different each and every time.

"If you order a set of dinner plates from me, they'll be similar in size and shape, but they won't be exactly the same in their design and look," she proudly states.

And when it comes right down to it, she finds the most joy in knowing that her creations are being used and enjoyed by people of all ages.

"I'll ask people to send me a picture when they're having a family dinner and using my ceramic products," she says. "Knowing that my functional pieces are being used in everyday circumstance brings me the most joy."

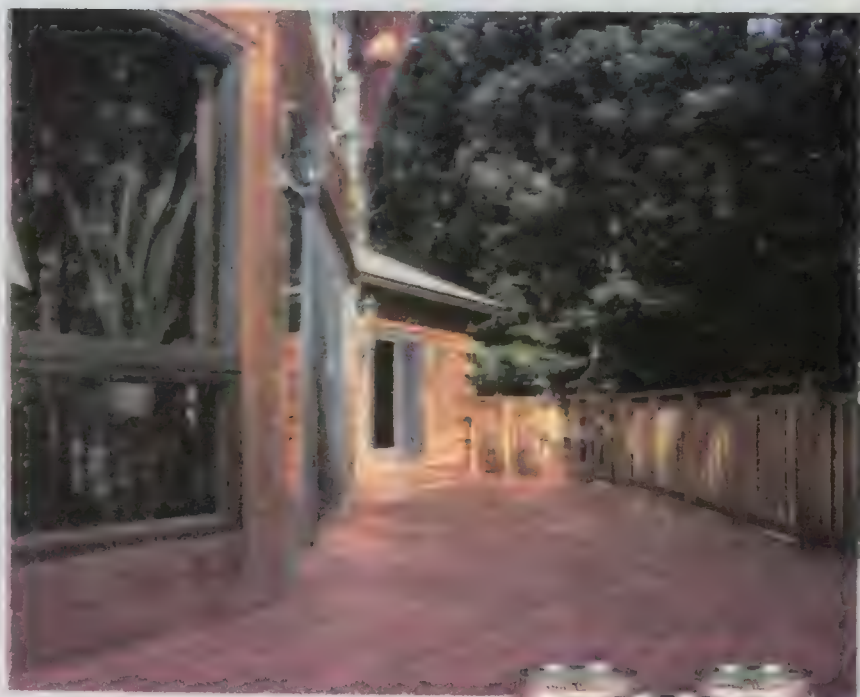
At the studio, one can find practical items like bowls, platters, tumblers and jugs to decorative tiles – most of which are electric fired.

This summer Gilchrist is offering kids clay classes at her studio, which will be held on weekdays in July and August.

On June 9 at the Loft Gallery in Dorset, she'll be the next featured artist in the Arts Council's artist chat series. The free, informal event is open to the public and starts at 6:45 p.m.

To keep up with Tara, visit her web site at www.chetolah.ca or drop by her studio located at 1022 West Harvey Avenue in Dorset.

For more information about the artist chat, contact Jan McDonald at 705-766-2170. ■



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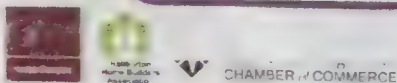
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Submitted by Marnie Falkiner volunteer and a part-time data coordinator from the HHOA.

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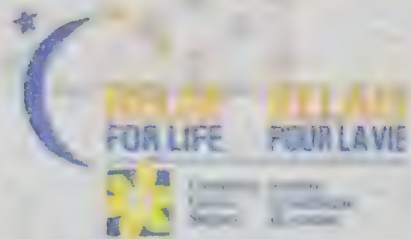
The Hatchery is maintained and the Trout raised by volunteers dedicated to the fish, sport angling and the health of our lakes. The Hatchery has five adult rearing tanks, two early rearing tanks and three incubator tanks, 2 outdoor ponds as well as a small Hatchery that is just dedicated to Walleye Incubation.



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Kinmount Improvements Under Way

By Jerry Grozelle

The Village of Kinmount is undergoing some welcome construction and although his business is temporarily suffering because of it, Tom Lang, owner of the Kinmount Freshmart says it is long overdue.

The City of Kawartha Lakes had planned to install new storm sewers, upgrade water lines and install curbs and sidewalks last fall but the plan was delayed until this spring.

Lang said the construction is expected to take six to eight weeks. It started almost two weeks ago, so it should be completed in time for the height of the tourist season.

"It will be a great addition to the village," Lang said, adding, "it will be safer too."



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21 TV's "Full —"
22 Sutherland solo
23 HEAD STARTS
27 Dogpatch's Daisy —
28 Patriot Nathan
29 Sherwood sight
30 Moscow moola
31 Workbench attachment
32 Croce's Mr. Brown
34 Expert
36 Writer Rand
37 Medical measure
40 Chalice accessory
41 Hammer feature
42 "— go braght!"
43 Pres. Bush, e.g.
44 Ubiquitous infinitive

45 Loser's locale
48 PRE SETS
55 Make wine divine
56 Diminish
57 Tic
58 Bob of 21 Across
59 — polloi
60 Join the leisure class?
62 Let up
63 "SNL" bit
67 "Gross!"
69 "Marathon —" ('76 film)
70 Unduly
72 "Como — uted?"
73 Most docile
75 Joins forces
78 Lear, to Cordelia
80 Missouri mountain range
81 Jergens or Astaire
82 Intimate
84 — kwon do
87 HAPPY ENDINGS
91 Long or Peeples
92 Caffeine effect
93 "Trinity" author
94 A speck with wings

95 Connecticut campus
96 Cardiff's country
98 French philosopher
100 Light touch
103 Silence a squeaker
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106 Soothe
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109 Clothing
110 Sound like a hound
113 GRAND FINALES
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124 Neon —
125 Mideast nation
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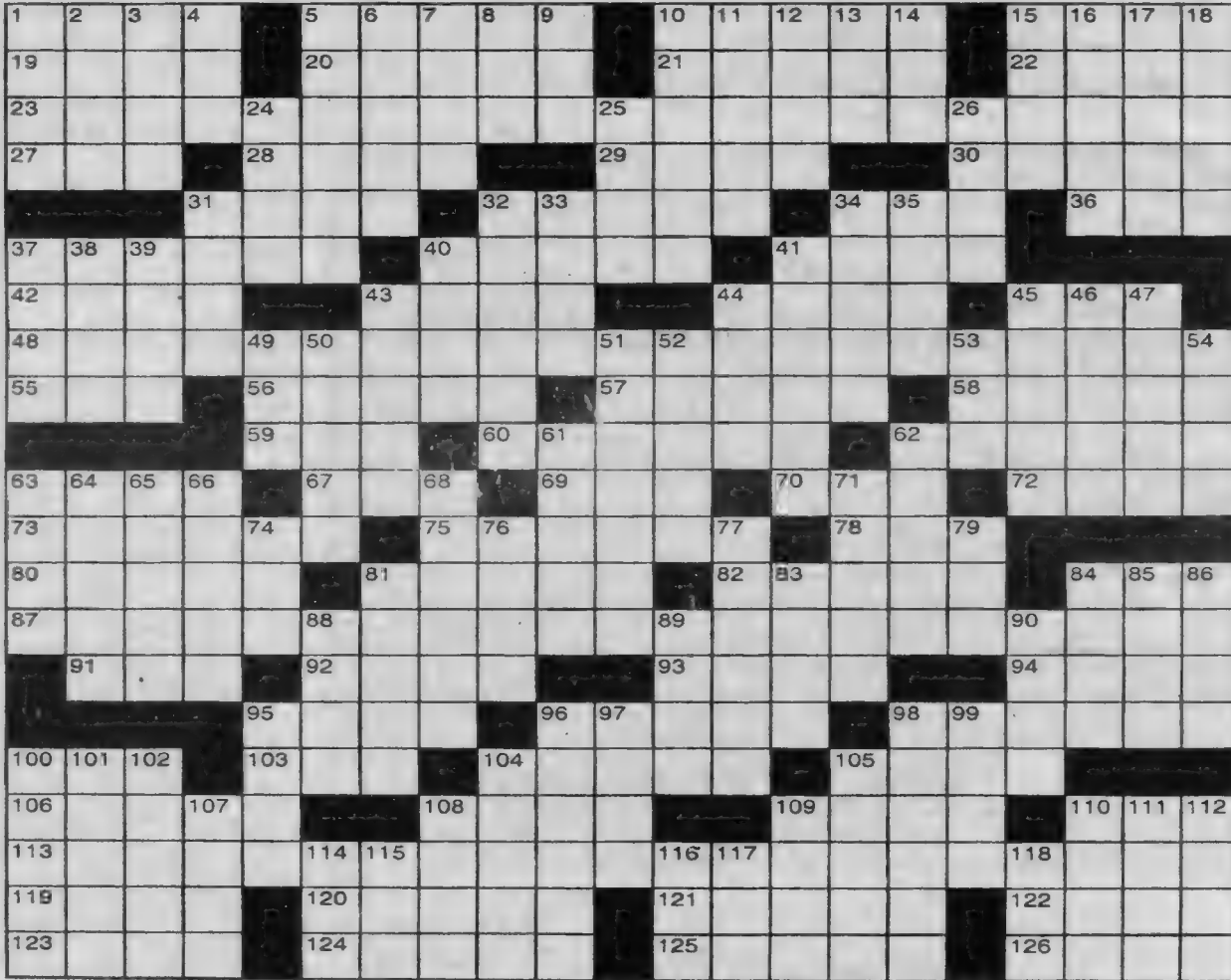
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1 Eliot's "— Bede"
2 Writer Paretsky
3 Memo start
4 — Tome
5 Delight
6 Scout rank
7 Add fringe

8 Aspin or Paul
9 Sixth sense
10 Rose of —
11 Actor Wendell
12 Discourteous
13 Take advantage of
14 "Golden Girl" Arthur
15 Forbidden
16 Antilles isle
17 Stable youngster
18 Spoken for
24 British pol
25 Raison d'—
26 Sleuth Nancy
31 Delivery trucks
32 Cavalry soldier
33 Decorate glass
34 Philatelist's purchase
35 Columnist Herb
37 — vu
38 North-western st.
39 Location
40 Brad of "The Mexican"
41 Pamper
43 Cook Claiborne
44 Obsolete title
45 Musty

46 Summons electronically
47 Actor's actor?
49 — -jongg
50 Approximately
51 They're what's left
52 Book part
53 Vane dir.
54 Sundance's sweetie
61 Post or Dickinson
62 Sunday supper
63 Stash
64 "On the Waterfront" director
65 Japanese porcelain
66 — firma
68 Act like Vikings?
71 Effluvia
74 Enjoy the Alps
76 Uncluttered
77 A great many
79 Strauss' "— Rosenkavalier"
81 On — (doing great)
83 Baseball's Aparicio
84 Add color
85 Fruit-tree spray

86 Punta del —
88 California resort
89 A shake in the grass?
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96 Actress Ryder
97 125 Across' city
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

WOMAN HIDES IMPERFECTIONS BY SHOWING OFF HER WEALTH

DEAR ABBY: I work with a woman who constantly tells me how much she has — a condo in Florida, a timeshare in the Virgin Islands, her portfolio, the expensive ring her husband bought her and what she spends on wedding/holiday gifts. She even told me about how much she used to make at her previous job. As a struggling single parent, I find it insensitive. How do I deal with this? Is it about my own inadequacies? She is otherwise a seemingly nice lady. My boyfriend says I need to just "get over it." What do you think? — "PENNY LESS" IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR "PENNY LESS": This woman's constant need to talk about how much she has is less about your "inadequacies" than about her own. People who are happy, secure and socially sensitive don't usually feel a compulsion to brag about what they have. Once you understand that fact, you may feel less inadequate around her. But if that isn't the case, resolve to spend more of your time with people who talk about ideas and things you have in common, and less with her.

DEAR ABBY: My mother was physically and verbally abusive to my sister and me when we were kids and teenagers. Mom had a short fuse. She'd slap us if we accidentally dropped a piece of spaghetti or scuffed our shoes. If she thought we were talking back, she'd really lose it and things would get ugly. My sister is a mother herself now, and her kids are brats. I know it's because she doesn't want to be strict or abusive to them like our mother was to us. I am engaged and thinking about a family of my own someday. I don't know how to discipline children or how to correct their bad behavior without becoming abusive. How can I treat my children with kindness, but still have them behave well and be respectful? — WANTS TO END THE CYCLE

DEAR WANTS: Contrary to popular belief, not everyone is born with the instinctive ability to be a good parent. Parenting is a skill, and like most skills, effective parenting has to be learned. Because you come from a dysfunctional home, a way to ensure that you won't repeat the pattern of abuse would be to enroll in parenting classes and learn about child development. Contact your state department of education, local junior college or hospital and ask if these courses are offered or if they know where you can find them.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an artist's sense of how to help others see, as you do, the beautiful things about the world.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries self-esteem level is high, as is your impatience to see more action come your way in the workplace. Good news, Lamb: It could start to happen sooner than you think.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Changing things now could upset a lot of people. But if you feel you're acting because you believe it's the right thing to do, others will understand and even come to support you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A change of mind might not necessarily be a change of heart. You still want to go ahead with your plans, but you might see a better way to make them happen. So go for it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An old business dispute could re-emerge and possibly affect upcoming negotiations. Consider opening up the situation to include suggestions from others on both sides of the issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some Leos and Leonas might find it somewhat difficult to get their ideas accepted or even considered. But that's only for a while. Things will soon return to the way you like them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The pace seems to be slowing down from the hectic on-the-job run you recently enjoyed. But be assured that you're still in the race to pick up new workplace-related goodies.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Seasonal changes create opportunities for busy Librans. However, be sure to balance your workload with your personal life so that you don't overdo it on one end or the other.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A former critic could make a surprise turnaround and become a supporter. But if your Scorpion sense suspects a questionable motive, who are the rest of us to doubt it?

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Data on a new project seems less than dependable. But it might turn out to be just the opposite. Consult with someone who knows how you might best be able to check it out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Capricornians face many decisions this week, with the Sea Goat's kids rating high on the consideration scale, especially regarding vacations and upcoming school matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Showing that you care is what Aquarians do so well. It's your very special skill. And this week, you'll have several chances to show off that gift for a very special person. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) That streak of Piscean wariness should serve you well this week should you be among those who come up against a slippery character offering a fishy deal with nothing to back it up.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: ASTRONOMY (e.g., In which galaxy is the solar system? Answer: Milky Way.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. The development of this instrument enabled astronomy to become a modern science.
Answer: _____
2. Term for the cosmic explosion believed to have created the universe.
Answer: _____
3. The geocentric model placed this at the center of the universe.
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Who proposed a heliocentric model of the solar system?
Answer: _____
5. His law of gravitation helped to explain the motions of the planets.
Answer: _____
6. These are commonly divided into spiral, elliptical and irregular types.
Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

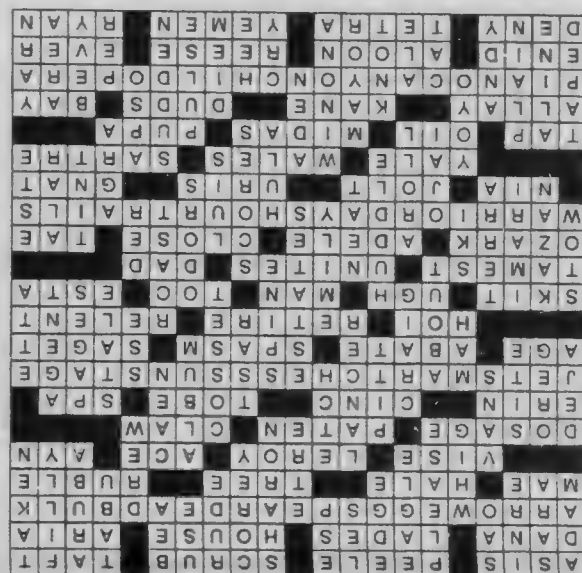
7. In 1781, William Herschel discovered this planet.
Answer: _____
8. This nonluminous material is believed to exist in space.
Answer: _____
9. What is believed to be at the center of the Milky Way galaxy?
Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Telescope. 2. Big-bang theory. 3. Earth. 4. Nicolaus Copernicus. 5. Isaac Newton. 6. Galaxies. 7. Uranus. 8. Dark matter (dark energy). 9. A black hole.

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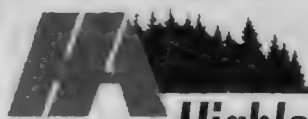
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Roadside Tree Slashing Raises a Ruckus

Sometimes the smallest voice in the forest really can be heard. That was the case with Salerno Lake's Douglas Rodger, who has some very strong feelings about roadside brushing and even stronger feelings when the brushing is done brutally or without care or concern for mature trees. Rodger has voiced no small amount of disquiet over brushing that was recently done on the Irondale Road in Highlands East and it is his hope that his concerns have been heard and will result in some action and a different approach in the future.

Rodger, who is a lake steward on Salerno Lake, said that he drove up to his cottage in January and was immediately upset by the sight of the roadside brushing that had been done in his area. When he returned several weeks ago, the site of mutilated trees



"I would have had people chained to the trees." (Douglas Rodger, Salerno Lake)

just brought all his anger rising to the surface again.

According to Rodger, a bush hog had done the work; something he described as a brute instrument designed to shatter and devastate growth so it won't grow back for an extended period of time. "The machine mutilated at least 25 full grown pine trees on our stretch of the Irondale Road and I think that is terribly wrong."

Rodger says that the work crews should be able to tell the difference between a mature pine and a weedy sapling. "The Village of Irondale used to be a real entity and some of the work was done right by the community centre which makes this situation even more egregious. The bark was ripped off, there were limbs lying on the ground, twisted and shattered, and the sap was bleeding out trying to repair the damage, but it was an impossible task."

According to Rodger these conditions allow disease and insects to drastically shorten the life of the trees and all of their energy goes into the tree trying to heal itself. And Rodger isn't alone in his thinking.

Rodger said that everyone he has spoken with about the damage felt the same outrage that he did, but he decided to complain. He said wryly, "How very Canadian of us not to mention our outrage or our thoughts that this was a nasty piece of work."

Rodger admitted to getting a bit het up, getting on the phone and calling Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton. Burton and the municipality's Road Superintendent, Earl Covert, subsequently drove out to Irondale to meet with Rodger and have a look at the damage.

Rodger said, "If I'd known they were going to do this, I would have had people chained to the trees to get the work stopped."

However Rodger said that Covert, when faced with having to clear lines of sight and get the work done in a cost effective manner, simply said that it was too expensive to handle any other way.

But Rodger argued little money was saved if the crew had to go back and forth to clear the brush. He also suggested that when a seven or eight kilometre stretch of road has a half kilometre where there are mature trees, the bulk of the road could be given the usual treatment while a bucket truck could be used or hand cutting done in the area where the mature trees were located. "Now they will have to cut them down anyway because they will be dead."

To Rodger there is a certain element of stewardship that the municipality should maintain. He spoke of trees as a precious resource and while he recognizes that there is a certain mentality that would say there are thousands of trees to replace these in the area, he also feels that a certain amount of pride should be taken with a rural road through a small community. To have his tax dollars spent hacking up trees in a residential area was simply too much and Rodger hopes for a bit of redress.

It is his hope that in some selective cases, the municipality will get someone to look at alternative methods and that some commonality of opinion will be found.

Despite comments by Covert, he suggested that the trees will not look better in the fall at all and while all three men agreed that the trees may limp along, Rodger says that the crew has turned something majestic into something that has been crippled and it is the local Council's responsibility to speak up for those residents who justifiably have other opinions and environmental concerns.

When contacted by the Voice, Burton also said that it was his hope to find some common ground with seasonal residents. He agreed that the municipality may have gone about the project in a less than perfect manner and commiserated with the 100 or more cottages in the area that would have to look at the ugliness of the job over the next year or so, especially if the trees die.

The municipality received stimulus funding from the federal and provincial governments to complete slashing of all of their municipal roads and the municipality pays for a third of the cost of the project. While some of the work has been completed by hand, much of it has been done by machine. Burton was hesitant to speak on behalf of Council without a chance to discuss Rodgers

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Tree Slashing on Irondale Road

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"How very Canadian of us not to mention our outrage." (Douglas Rodger, Salerno Lake)

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concerns, said that he would like to see some clean up work done. He also commented that it would be very difficult to become too selective about where to do more selective cutting.

Burton agreed to take Rodger's concerns to Council and Rodger is content with that. Burton said, "It is my hope that Council will agree to do some follow up work to clean up and repair some of the damage if possible. I believe that it's wrong and I'd like to ensure it doesn't happen again. We're going to have to come up with a better plan than the kind of work we've done in that area."

Doug Ray, Director of Public Works for the County agreed that jagged edges don't look good and said that while the county does its own automated brushing, his crews often use a pole saw to cut limbs off flush and avoid damage to large trees. "We don't like to see mature trees damaged and I would even go so far as calling it operator error."

There are a number of mechanical devices that can be used, but Ray said that residential and business areas are often handled a bit differently by the County. Ray commented that one of the problems with the mechanical process is that you sometimes have to go back and clean things up. He confirmed that quite often when damage is done to a mature tree the road crew usually has to return at a later date and cut the tree down before it becomes a liability; and in that case cost effectiveness is out the window.

According to Ray, brush and trees are cut back for a distance of 25 to 30 feet from the centre of the road, which on a typical rural road is usually to the back of the ditch or just beyond. "The brush and trees are cut back to provide for proper sight distances so traffic can see oncoming traffic on curves, other vehicles entering the roadway from driveways and at intersections and so traffic signs that are placed along the roadside can be seen."

Ray also said that it was important to keep the brush and trees cut back so they don't interfere with drainage. That way the road surface and road base is allowed to drain and dry out as a wet



road surface or damp road base won't stand up to traffic and will eventually require costly maintenance.

Both Ray and Burton maintained that most of the trees can withstand a bit of damage and within a year undergrowth will cover any shredded stumps or signs of damage. Ray said that when they first started to use mechanical brushing methods in 1999 a lot of concerns were raised; with regular and careful brushing he says they seldom receive any calls.

This is a complex issue and, as in most cases, there are a number of perspectives. Of course, safety and cost effectiveness must be considered as priorities, but so too does the beauty of the area have to be preserved and one of the area's most important resources protected whether simply to be enjoyed by a long term resident driving home or as a feature to draw in much needed tourism dollars to the area.

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve agreed with Rodger to a great extent about the damage to the trees and the consequences, but said, "The truth is always somewhere in between once trees are damaged. The bark of a tree is like a skin but trees have little opportunity to heal their skin. Fungi will grow inside the damaged area and often rot the tree over a long period."

Schleifenbaum said that the trees would be alright on the short term, but in the long run the trees would eventually die, particularly if the wound is substantial. In addition, he said that in the spring there are a lot of spores flying around, which will find wounds on the trees quickly. So now is not really a good time to damage a tree.

According to Schleifenbaum cutting of mature trees should only be done when the trees are dormant. "Cutting of limbs

is a different matter as a tree can basically segregate that part of its body. The nod will dry off and there's no further harm done. But on the bowl or stem of the tree? That is the serious nature of the business. When we have a major cut on our bodies we have an opportunity to heal. But if it happens to trees and the inner part of the tree is exposed, rot will set in."

With this particular story, at least that small voice in the forest was heard, and possibly there is an opportunity for a different approach in the future. ■

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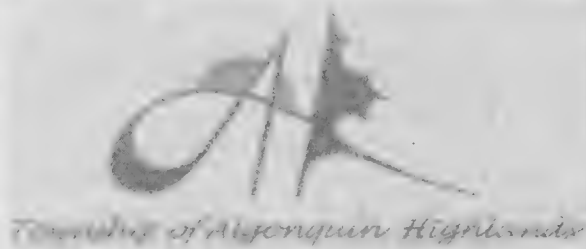
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the goodbye girl

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The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

The mystery gets solved in the nick of time but not before the audience has been treated to a sidesplitting good time and a generous serving of the author John Bishops's satirical and refreshingly irreverent wit. Opens August 2 for eight performances.

Charlie Farquharson
and Dem Udders

Don Harron will present two performances featuring his wit and wisdom and a visit from Charlie. Don will be joined by Claudette and pianist David Warrack July 26 & 27.

Summer Wind

Tom Regina will lead a musical journey from classical to contemporary jazz featuring flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon. It's an evening sure to delight all musical tastes. July 12, August 6 and 9.

All performances in the air conditioned comfort of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, High School, Haliburton, unless noted differently below. Evening performances start at 8 p.m. La Bohème evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Matinees at 2:30 p.m. Highlands Opera Studio Master Classes and the Faculty Concert take place at the Minden United Church.

Photos feature scenes from the 2009 season.

do something dramatic this summer

La Bohème

The Highlands Opera Studio presentation of the world famous La Bohème. Four performances August 29 (matinee) 30, 31 and September 1.

Opera Excerpt Concerts

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Chamber Opera Concerts

Highlands Opera Studio present two one act operas. Highlighting the exception skill and range of these young singers. August 20 and 22 (matinee).

Richard Margison & Friends

Faculty of the Highlands Opera Studio present a fund raising concert to support the studio. Features some of the best loved music from the world of opera by some of Canada's top performers. August 14. \$75.

Opera Master Class

Participants of the Highlands Opera Studio present their best work and the audience listens in as adjudicator offers an assessment. Admission is by donation. August 6 and 7.



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Saturday May 22nd

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May Longweekend Yard Sales

YARD SALE

Yard Sale/Bake Sale -
Saturday, May 22nd - 9am-
2pm,
9 Cedar Ave.
(Bill Gliddon's residence)
St George's Youth Group -
Scholarship Fund.

YARD SALE

The Curves team circuit
walkers are having a fund
raiser for Relay for Life at 50
York Street on
Saturday May 22nd, 2010
starts at 9a.m. rain or shine.

YARD SALE

Multi-family yard sale Friday
May 21st 2010, 12:00p.m.-
8:00p.m. and Saturday May 22nd
2010, 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.-Rain or
shine. 1022 Suburban Court-West
Guilford (behind Log Cabin)
furniture/clothes/household items
and much more.

YARD SALE

Moving Sale, Antiques &
Collectibles, Furniture &
Bentwood Rocker, Electric Type
writer &
Stand, tools, books.
Saturday May 22nd.
34 Dean Court, (Haliburton)
8am.

YARD SALE

Come join us at 267 Riverside
Dr. (Haliburton) follow the
signs, Saturday May 22-9-
2p.m. and Sunday May 23-
9-12(noon). Few new items for
kitchen, furniture/glassware/
lamps/and lots more. Rain or
Shine!

YARD SALE

Multi-family yard sale,
Saturday May 22nd - Starts
at 9:00a.m. Something for
everyone. 295 Riverside
Drive - Haliburton.

YARD SALE

- Multi Family Yard Sale -
May 22nd Saturday ONLY! At
8am.
12968 Hwy 35, Minden, Just
north of town.

GARAGE SALE

Home/business overstock sale:
Brand new and sample items
presented in covered garage.
Come rain or shine! May 24th
weekend and by appointment at
other times. 1171 Red Umbrella
Road, 705-489-3200.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday May 22nd -rain
date Sunday May 23rd, starts
at 8a.m. Quality items-
household, folk art, pieces,
hand and power tools, garden
tools, etc. White house on the
corner of Stanhope Airport
Road and Hwy#118-across
form the church.

YARD SALE

Ingoldsby United
Church-1741 Ingoldsby
Road- will be holding a
yard sale on
Saturday, May 22nd
beginning at 8a.m.-many
assorted household items-
homemade pies-coffee
available. Drop by and
check us out.

YARD SALE May 22
9-2p.m. 2 McPherson
St, Minden.

YARD SALE-

Gigantic yard sale Saturday May
22 and Sunday May 23. 1355
Wigamog road-paddle boat/
aluminum, boat, furniture, china,
household items and much
more.

YARD SALE

May 22-23. 1036 7th Lane
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CANNING LAKE - \$516,900



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Waterfront lot with clean sand shoreline. Extensive landscaping, paved driveway and several patio areas. 1532 sq ft, 4 bdr, 2 washroom 4 season home features solarium sunroom, stone fireplace, custom kitchen & washroom, and spacious bedrooms.

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Well treed private 2 acre parcel with 150 feet frontage. Neat and clean 3 bedroom home features cathedral ceilings, a stone fireplace, pine kitchen, nice riverside decking, drilled well and full septic.

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KUSHOG LAKE - \$574,900



Modern open concept 3 bedroom, 3 washroom home features pine cathedral ceilings, oak eat in kitchen, master bedroom ensuite plus finished lower level area with walkout to hot tub area. Also includes a \$60,000 guest cabin.

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Year round 4 bedroom open concept home features multi level decking, clean shoreline, skylights, large lakeside windows, vaulted ceilings, loft area, attached garage. Great privacy with incredible views.

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MOUNTAIN STREET - \$79,900



GREAT STARTER - two bedroom home - drilled well - walking distance to town - quick possession.

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92 acres with pond, stream, creek, fields and forest area. Older bungalow in need of repair. Shared driveway. Well and septic.

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GOODERHAM LAKE - \$239,900



4 season waterfront home - gentle sloping lot - neat & clean 864 sq ft home - walkout basement - drilled well - cherry wood kitchen - many recent upgrades.

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HALLS LAKE - \$649,900



Modern open concept 1,912 sq ft R2000 Royal Home - full partially finished walkout basement offering 3,000 sq ft of luxury living - oak hardwood floors & trim - master ensuite - several walkouts to deck - custom kitchen - 3 full washrooms - double garage.

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GETAWAY CABIN - \$129,900



2.65 acres. Newer siding, doors, windows and decking. New drilled well, steel roof and shutters. Partially landscaped, cedar rail fencing, gated with new circular gravel driveway.

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BOYNE LAKE - \$109,000



1.72 acres - 155 feet water frontage - fairly level lot - smaller quiet lake - driveway in - partially cleared - ideal for cottage or waterfront home.

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GREENS LAKE - \$169,900



Open concept home or cottage (plus garage) across small cottage road from lake. Brand new furnace plus woodstove. 3 large bedrooms, large bath with separate shower and full basement. Great swimming and fishing.

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Waterfront point with 175' of clean frontage. Various shoreline from rock to golden sand and multi exposure. Natural lot well treed for privacy and some towering pines.

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LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE - \$598,000.00



Double lot 262' fr. sand & deep water. 2500 sq. ft custom cottage/home 3bdrms. 2 propane brick fireplaces, skylights, sunroom, w/o lower level & lg laundry area. Custom kitchen for Mom & Ige garage with loft for Dad & all the toys & overflow guests.

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CRYSTAL LAKE - \$329,900



3 bedroom 3 season cottage - plenty of room to sleep guests plus a spacious bunkie - upgrades include new windows, septic system, storage shed, bunkie and bathroom. Sandy shoreline for children.

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

WALKERS LINE - \$34,900



Gorgeous one acre lot just steps away from lake access on prestigious Kushog Lake - well treed with year round municipal road access - adjacent lot also for sale.

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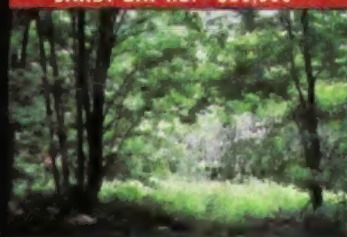
CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - \$154,900



Large acreage with large beaver pond. This property has right of way off Galway rd with well maintained roadway to beaver pond and licenced gravel pit with great variety wildlife nesting blue heron beaver moose deer ect 10 minutes from Kinnmount.

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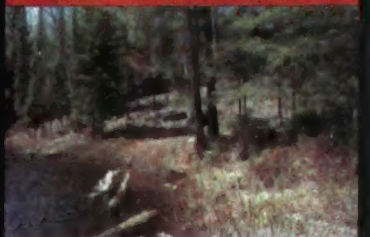
SANDY BAY RD. - \$30,000



1.41 ACRE lot situated off Sandy Bay Road and within walking distance to Gull Lake for boating and fishing. Well treed building lot for privacy. Only minutes from Minden

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GROWLER LAKE - \$259,500



Beautiful executive lot - 505 feet frontage - southeast exposure - very private. Great building site to build that dream cottage, hydro, driveway partially started, easy access to Kennisis & Redstone area.

Dan Roxborough* 286-1234 ext. 235

CRYSTAL LAKE - \$645,000



Beautiful natural lot with 205 feet of deep rocky shoreline from rock to golden sand and multi exposure. 3 bedroom chalet style - cathedral ceilings - pine interior & floors - open concept - 3 car garage with walk-way directly from cottage to huge second floor living area.

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WALKERS LINE - \$29,000



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MAPLE LAKE - \$249,900



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BURNT RIVER \$169,500



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